

'Incalculable damage to the NMI'

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'ednesday night's public hearing on a draft environmental impact statement on proposed "livefire" military exercises in the CNMI brought out sentiments about the "incalculable" and "irreparable" damage it will bring to the Commonwealth.

According to some of the comments, even experts will be hard put to put a dollar value to what will be destroyed once bombs are dropped and live munitions are fired on Tinian and Pagan.

The U.S. military conducted the hearing on Wednesday at the cafeteria of the Saipan Southern High School to gauge public sentiment on its proposed mili-

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Sylvestre Sablan to use insanity defense

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Sylvestre Rogopes Sablan, the person of interest in the killing of his wife, Ana Maria Limes, will rely upon the defense of insanity at the time when he committed the alleged crime of criminal trespass and possession of methamphetamine or "ice" charges, according to Chief Public Defender Douglas W. Hartig.

In Sablan's motion for examination, Hartig asked the Superior Court to appoint a psychiatrist as an expert witness who will evaluate the 43-year-old Sablan and prepare a report.

Assistant attorney general Chester Hinds, counsel for the government, did not oppose the motion.

As this developed, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio granted the motion for examination and sus-See INSANITY on Page 4



MHS' Jastillana wins AG's Cup

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If the speeches in yesterday's Attorney General's Cup were any indication, future CNMI leaders would approve the legalization of same-sex marriage on the grounds of equality, fairness, and love.

Six contestants spoke in favor of legalization of same-sex marriage. Two argued against.

Marianas High School junior Lee Ann Jastillana won first place, Mt. >>> Most schools Carmel School senior Maria Fe Andrea Lazaro won second, and Katrina Punzalan of Saipan Southern High School, another senior, was third.

argue for legalization of same-sex marriage

The 31st Annual AG Cup asked this specific question: "Should the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands legalize same-sex marriages? Why or why not?

When eventual winner Jastilliana took the See MHS on Page 4

The three top winners of the 31st Annual Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition held yesterday at the CNMI Supreme Court. From right are first placer Lee Ann L. Jastillana of Marianas High School, second placer Maria Fe Andrea M. Lazaro of Mount Carmel High School, and third placer Katrina Punzalan of Saipan Southern High School.

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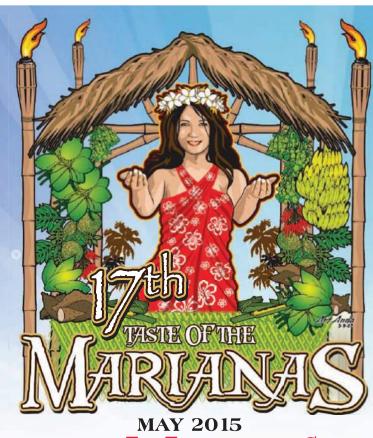


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Governor Eloy S. Inos will officially declare the month of May 2015 as CNMI Tourism Month with a formal proclamation signing ceremony at 9:30 a.m. at the Office of the Governor on Capitol Hill. The Marianas Visitors Authority and our industry partners invite the public to participate in the activities of the

Tourism Industry Clean up Day April 29, 2015

Marianas Visitors Authority invites the community to join the Japan Saipan Travel Association and our other tourism partners to help beautify the Garapan tourism district in preparation for Japan's Golden Week holiday. The clean-up will be from 6:30-8:00 a.m., beginning at the American Memorial Park parking lot to Carolinian Affairs Office along the beaches and streets.

"Hafa Adai Tirow" Spirit Island Wear Fridays

Every Friday in May is Hafa Adai Tirow Spirit Island Wear day! Show your island pride and culture by wearing island attire or local traditional wear. Post your photos on Facebook at "My Marianas (Marianas Visitors Authority)."

Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden

This highly anticipated weekly celebration will be held every Saturday in May at American Memorial Park from 6-10 p.m. The event will feature delicious local and international cuisine sold by 15 hotel and local restaurants. Enjoy the talent of local and international performers with live entertainment all evening. The event will feature nightly competitions, as well as trivia questions aimed at promoting tourism awareness

"My Marianas" Community Outreach Presentation

Get up-to-date on the latest industry trends and upcoming tourism events during this picturesque slideshow on Saturday evenings at the Taste of the Marianas.

On-the-Street Interviews

MVA turns the spotlight on you as random community members are given an opportunity to share their views on various tourism topics in the Tourism Topics feature of the Saipan Tribune

Radio Tourism Trivia

Call in with the correct answer for your chance to win tokens for the Taste of the Marianas and Tourism Month ${\tilde T}$ -shirts. Tourism Trivia will air regularly throughout the month on Power 99 (97.5 FM), KZMI (103.9 FM) and KKMP (1440 AM and 92.1 FM).

Tourist for a Day (Tinian)

Pupils and students will be toured around the island as tourists bringing forth awareness of the importance of the only industry we have. The tour will include all major historical and cultural sites including beaches on the island while emphasizing on the value of maintaining such sites.



Thousands expected to take part in 2015 MMAC

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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Thousands are expected to take part in tonight's 2015 Marianas March Against Cancer, the signature fundraising event of the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

"We raised a substantial amount last year and we hope to match or exceed that this year. With this being the 13th year of the MMAC, we are confident that the community will come out in full force in support of the battle against cancer," 2015 overall committee chair Diana I. Benavente said.

The event will start at 6pm and will end at 6am tomorrow. Various teams and sponsors are expected to show up with their respective school partners and supporters.

Cancer survivors will also be recognized soon after the opening ceremony at 6pm tonight. All cancer survivors and those currently undergoing cancer treatment will have an annual survivor dinner held in their honor. Each survivor will be awarded a unique medallion and T-shirt commemorating their fight against cancer.

"This is a very important part of the MMAC. Every one of us knows someone who has been affected by cancer and the survivor ceremony is our chance to celebrate their perseverance and strength," said Benavente.

At 6:30pm a luminary ceremony will be held in honor and in memory of loved ones who have survived cancer, are currently undergoing treatment, or have lost the fight against this deadly affliction. Candles will be lit inside a white bag with each one bearing the name of someone who has been touched by cancer.

A parade of teams will start from 7pm followed by the relay races with the schools and teams. Teams will be competing to win best tent, best baton, most money raised in each category, most luminaries sold, most spirit, and most laps.

The 12-hour event will feature teams competing in four categories: Pulan (Families), Napu (Schools), Puti'un (Businesses), and Atdao (Non-Profit/ Government Agencies).

Entertainment will be provided all night long at one end of the oval.

17th Taste of Marianas starts tomorrow

The Marianas Visitors Authority will be kicking off the islands' annual food festival and beer garden event—the 17th Annual Taste of Marianas at the American Memorial Park—tomorrow.

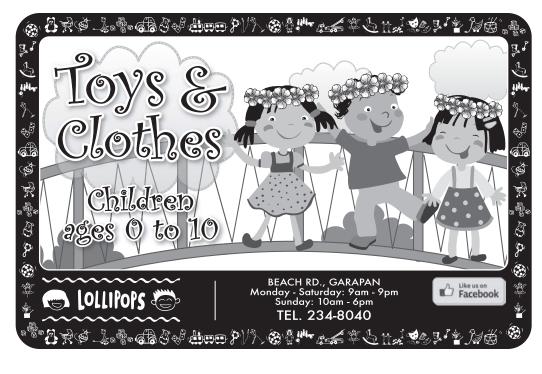
The event will run every Saturday of May and will be from 6pm to 10pm. On the last day, May 30, it will start from 6pm to 11pm. More than 10 food vendors will be joined by beverage vendors.

Food vendors will be Canton Restaurant, Coral Ocean Point Resort, D'Elegance Café, Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan, Furusato Restaurant, Herman's Modern Bakery, Hula Girl, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Mariana Resort & Spa, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Sierra's

Pearl Shake, Thai House Restaurant, Tony Roma's/Capricciosa, and Tropical Chill.

There will also be live entertainment and competitions galore, include the hotdog eating contest (May 2) followed by other contest such as the pie-eating contest, bartender's cocktail contest, and the chef's contest. There will also be a magic show.

The 17th Annual Taste of the Marianas will be the main kick off of the monthlong celebration of tourism month for the CNMI community to be aware of the "unique recreational, cultural, and lifestyle appeal of the NMI and how tourism plays a great role in the CNMI in improving lives and the visitors lives as well." (Jayson Camacho)





Child molester arrested again on same charges

Convicted child molester Pedro Tudela Borja, 63, was arrested again on Wednesday for allegedly repeatedly sexually abusing a girl.

Police served Borja with an arrest warrant in Dandan for sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree, incest, disturbing the peace, assault and battery, and failing to update registration information as a sex offender.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge

Kenneth L. Govendo imposed a \$100,000 cash bail on Borja, who is also known as Tisu.

Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer was appointed as counsel for Borja. Preliminary hearing will be on May 5 at 1:30pm.

Police detective Rhonda C. John stated in her report that Crime Stoppers received a tip on April 25, 2015, about Borja molesting a girl.

John said she later called the Division of Youth Services about the tip and that on April 29, a DYS personnel informed her that they have the 12-yearold child in their custody.

In her interview with the girl, John said the girl told her that Borja started sexually abusing her in 2013 when she was only 10 years old.

Borja pleaded guilty to sexual abuse of a minor in the third de-

gree in May 2004 and was subsequently slapped with a prison term. After serving his sentence, Borja was released and registered as a sex offender with the Sex Offender Registry Unit on June 6, 2012.

John said that, on Sept. 22, 2014, San Vicente Elementary School called about Borja hanging around the school in violation of the sex offender registration requirements.

John said she and police offi-

cer Jason Tarkong met Borja in San Jose, where Borja read and signed the acknowledgment of the Sex Offender Registry Public Law 17-49.

John said Tarkong handdelivered to Borja on Dec. 10, 2014, a letter, advising him about the Sex Offender Registry



Act requirements, including for him to appear every six months at the Sex Offender Registry Office for 25 years.

The detective said Borja's next verification report was March 18, 2014, but he failed to report to the Sex Offender Registry Office. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*





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tary exercises.

The more than a hundred attendees submitted written and oral comments on the draft EIS, and all of the comments—at least the oral comments—indicate that majority in the community opposes the planned military exercises.

Most of those who gave oral comments also said they are not against the military and its goal of defending its insular areas, but are against the firing of munitions and dropping bombs.

Questions were fielded to the military representatives who were at hand to listen to the public. To regulate the session, those who gave their oral comments were given three minutes each.

A second hearing, this time at the Garapan Elementary High School on Friday, is also expected to draw a sizable crowd.

No to Pagan bombing

When it comes to bombings, the island of Farallon de Medinilla was often discussed. It is considered the smallest island in the CNMI and has been the target of U.S military bombings for many years.

Many often mention the "tragedy" of the tiny, uninhabited island, and what it has become after years and years of being subjected to military bombings, this despite the presence of migratory birds and other marine and terrestrial wildlife on the island.

Many fear that this also might happen to Pagan.

For Rep. Vinson Sablan (Ind-Saipan), a representative of the 19th Legislature and the first to give a comment during the four-hour hearing, the military should give a clearer explanation of why it is choosing Pagan, particularly for bombing exercises.

He said he is making it clear that he is not against the military per se, but he is opposing any military exercises on Pagan, which is under Precinct 4 that Sablan represents in the Legislature.

Jack Muña, a community leader from Koblerville, echoed Sablan's sentiments, asking why bomb an island like Pagan, which is considered a "virgin" island.

Bruce Bateman, marketing manager of the Marianas Visitors Authority, said military exercises are "absolutely incompatible" with tourism.

Bateman emphasized that he is not speaking on behalf of the MVA but as a concerned citizen of the CNMI. "Our tourism assets are tiny. What we have are friendly people, and 14 islands," Bateman said, adding that military exercises will take these assets away.

Ron Smith, representing the Micronesia Islands Nature Alliance, said any chance of turning some of the islands of the Commonwealth into military assets, particularly Pagan, will mean taking away the CNMI's chance to cash in on "sustainable tourism."

He said once military exercises push through, there will be no turning back.

Keena Palacios, one of the several elementary students to stand and give their comments, said the military exercises would "disrupt the peace" in the CNMI.

She said like the other members of the community, she also wonders why the military would consider dropping bombs on Pagan where rare animals are found. "We do not want endangered species, like the Pagan dove, to go away," she said

Janelyn Cruz, a sixth grader, said there are other islands that the military can use. She said why not find these islands and conduct the exercises there instead of Pagan, where valuable minerals and animals are found.

Ecological damage

For PaganWatch founder Pete

Perez, once the military exercises start "it is all over."

He lamented that even now, islands that have been used for military exercises are littered with tons of waste, from ordnance—which failed to explode—to chemicals that continue to pollute the oceans.

Liana Hofschneider, a leader of the Council for Chamorro Advancement, narrated that her husband, Richard Hofschneider, suffered cancer.

While she said she did not blame the military's war activities on Tinian—where her husband resided for many years—she wonders about the damage that another military presence will bring to the island and what would be the effects of these to residents years from now.

She cited a "massive bomb pit" that continues to exist today.

According to her, the U.S. military had three nuclear bombs during World War II and two of those were dropped on Japan.

"We are now wondering where the third bomb is," she said.

Hidden jewel?

For CNMI resident and athlete Steven Johnson, the military's draft is "difficult to digest," and it is apparent that the study is "bloated and sloppy."

He also said while the study involved numerous surveys of flora and fauna, there were no attempts to involve the com-

pended yesterday's scheduled

preliminary hearing until Sa-

blan's evaluation is completed.

Hartig filed the motion for

examination on Wednesday,

saying a psychiatrist is needed

to determine whether Sablan is

competent to undergo proceed-

ings and if he was suffering

from a mental illness at the time

"Whenever a plea of not

guilty by reason of mental ill-

ness, disease, or defect is en-

tered or notice is given pursuant

to the Commonwealth Rule of

Criminal Procedure, the court

shall appoint at least one qualified

psychiatrist or other mental health

professional to examine the de-

fendant and to report upon his

He said that since Sablan has

been found indigent, the law

requires the government to pay

Unlike on Wednesday, Sablan

appeared subdued at the brief

On Wednesday, Kim-Tenorio

postponed the preliminary hear-

ing after Sablan acted strangely

in court, mumbling and talking to

himself. He said something about

Police detective Rudolfo

Saures Hermosilla Jr. stated

in his report that when a police

officer arrested Sablan at 1am

last April 19 for disturbing the

Lisua family, he noticed what

appeared to be bloodstains on Sa-

blan's pants. The officer also saw

candles, grave, and other things.

for the psychiatrist.

hearing yesterday.

mental condition," Hartig said.

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of the offense.

munity in the ongoing study. He added that it seems the study was conducted "in secrecy."

It has been reported that the draft EIS was conducted for many years and involved millions of dollars in resources.

Perhaps the most interesting comment on what Pagan has—in terms of natural resources—came from Herman A. Cabrera, who said studies done on Pagan showed its promise as a major source of "pozzolan."

Waving a copy of his report, pozzolan, Cabrera said, is a valuable raw material that can be used for the construction of highways, dams, bridges, docks, and sewer systems, among others.

"There are millions, if not over \$1 billion worth of pozzolan at the north part of Pagan island. This pozzolan is a high quality natural mineral and is in fact, the best in the world," Cabrera said, citing studies from Guam and Taiwan.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune* while the hearing took a short recess, Cabrera said "there are about 69.2 million metric ton of pozzolan" found on the island.

He said instead of military activities, perhaps the government can focus on developing this sustainable resource. "No to military activities on Pagan. Pozzolan is one our greatest valuable natural resources in the CNMI," Cabrera said.

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Lee Ann Jastillana, first placer in the 31st Annual Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition held yesterday at the CNMI Supreme Court, in a group photo with Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja, her mother Maricar Lustre, extreme right, and coach Lorraine R. Catienza.

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podium, she held up her right hand.

shots to kill Harvey Milk."
"Bang, bang, bang, bang,

"Five," she said. "It took five

bang."

That began the winning

That began the winning speech arguing in favor of same-sex marriage as it is a human rights issues "absolutely."

Jastilliana said there were some 1,373 rights and protections given to straight married couples that same-sex couples have never been afforded. These included benefits in social security, tax, family coverage, and hospital visitation rights.

To her last point, she pointed to a 2000 case where a man was not allowed to enter the hospital room where his "partner died alone."

"This is real," she said. "And this is unjust."

She called out U.S. lawmaker Rick Santorum who reportedly said he would rather see a child raised with a father in prison than same-sex parents.

Pointing to studies by major universities, she said there were "no intellectual and social differences" between children raised by straight or gay parents.

Then she took on religion, saying that from a religious view the answer to religious marriage is an "unresounding no."

But despite this, "the CNMI is not a theocracy," she said. This was not an issue of religion, she said. It was a legal one, citing U.S. courts that upheld one's

"inherent right to love equally."
As she ended her speech, she strung out a timeline for those in the audience to remember.

It has been 152 years since American slaves were made free, 95 years since women got their right to vote, and 52 years since Martin Luther King Jr. described his "dream."

She indicated that the CNMI could join this movement in history.

Now, she said, the CNMI can "reset our aim."

"Bang, bang, bang..." to in-

equality, she said.

First-timer

After 12 consecutive years of one school bagging the Attorney General's Cup, it took a first-timer like Jastillana to keep them from getting a baker's dozen.

Jastillana is a junior and the representative of Marianas High School at the 31st iteration of the speech competition held at the House of Justice yesterday.

"This topic, it's something [that] I'm actually really passionate about because I do believe that I have like sisters who are lesbian, sisters who are gay and I really do think that they deserve the chance to be married," Jastillana said.

Her dramatic introduction to her speech, which literally started with a bang, was probably where she got the attention of the judges and floored them with the rest of what she had to say.

"[Mr. Bobby Cruz] gave me the idea, I think, two days ago and I just loved it and I thought it would really work and I just thank him for that," she said. Jastillana is the daughter of Maricar Lustre who was very proud of her daughter.

"I'm really so happy," Lustre said. "She really worked hard for it and I know it's all worth the hard work and everything so I'm very thankful and grateful that she got it."

After she graduates in 2016, Jastillana hopes to attend college in the United States and is interested in a career in journalism.

Mount Carmel High School, after 12 years of winning, ended up garnering second place this year.

Its representative, now senior and last year's champion, Lazaro, was emotional after the awarding.

"She had great courage to say what she said. So [I'm] very, very proud of her," coach Galvin Deleon Guerrero said after giving a consoling hug to Lazaro.

Third placer Punzalan, a senior at SSHS, is planning to pursue a major in political science in the U.S.

scratches on Sablan's abdomen.

Hermossila said the office

Hermossila said the officer and the Lisua family also noticed that Sablan was acting strangely and talking to himself.

Limes, 52, a former staff assistant of Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), was found dead inside her house in Oleai on April 20 shortly after noon.

Limes showed signs of having been deceased for some time already when found, with fatal injuries to the head.

Autopsy showed that Limes dies of a skull fracture due to blunt force trauma.

As of yesterday, no charges had been filed against Sablan over the death of Limes.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday to my one and only daughter in the whole wide world, Crysha Lizama Ngeskebei! I'm thankful that God has blessed me with such a beautiful, loving, caring, awesome and smart treasure I will forever cherish. I love you from earth to the moon! May the Lord give you lots of blessing and many more birthdays to come. From Mommy and your Lizama family!

Search begins for the 2015 Liberation Day Queen

Celebrating peace and diversity for 70 years, the 2015 Liberation Day Committee kicks off its official search for the Liberation Day Royal Court today and calls on the community's eligible young women to help make the islands' largest event

Applications are now available at the Saipan Mayor's Office or email liberationcnmi@ gmail.com. Deadline to apply is on Friday, May 15, 2015.

"We are very excited to offer this opportunity to our young women—this is an historic event that has great support locally and internationally and we encourage all those interested to apply," said Saipan Mayor David Apatang.

An international event planning firm, Skywalker Communications Group, is leading this year's festivities with a lineup of fun activities geared up for the 2015 Liberation Royal Court.

Community involvement will be the guiding principle in organizing the 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court and other main activities.

Young females from the ages of 16 to 25 years old are encouraged to join and represent their village, family, company, or organization.

The 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court contestant must be between 16 and 25 years old, female, not married, has no children, a CNMI resident for at least six months and of good moral and ethical character.

Each candidate may have individual sponsors to assist with the costs of competing and each candidate will have the ability to sell Liberation Day raffle tickets to raise funds and host other various approved fundraisers.

Ten percent of each of the candidates' total fundraising proceeds will go to the respective candidate.

This year, one of the region's leading independent auditing firms lends its expertise to the 2015 Liberation Day Committee with the verification and counting of the official Liberation Day raffle tickets.

Burger Comer Magliari LLC has close to 30 years in audit and tax services and provides services on Saipan, in Guam, Palau, and California.

"We do more than 100 annual audits and reviews, and about 1,000 income tax returns every year. The firm has a total of 24 people whose knowledge and expertise offer our clients quality auditing services," said managing partner David Burger.

Burger, a certified public accountant, is also a Registered Investment Advisor in the CNMI and Guam.

James Comer and J. Scott Magliari, also certified public accountants, are the firm's other managing partners and have extensive public accounting expe-

"Volunteering our services for the 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court competition is a great way for us to give back to our community for the islands' largest celebration," said

Apatang notes that BCM's generous assistance ensures that this year's Liberation Day raffle ticket counting will be done in a fair, efficient, and transparent

"With the integrity and expertise of BCM, LLC, the public could trust that the process in distributing, counting and verifying the results of the 2015





>> Independent audit firm to verify **Liberation Day raffle ticket count**

Liberation Day Royal Court competition will be in very good hands," he said.

The 2015 Liberation Day Committee is preparing the official raffle tickets that will be released by the second week of mined by the amount of money May, along with the deadline for contestants to sign up for the 2015 Liberation Day Royal Court competition.

The Liberation Day Royal Court titleholders are detereach candidate raises through the sale of raffle tickets.

For more information or contestant application forms, email liberationcnmi@gmail.



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Members of the community gather at a Zoning Board public hearing for Best Sunshine International Ltd. at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center on April 30.

By JOEL D. PINAROC joel_pinaroc@saipantribune.com

Questions on the location of its hotel's location highlighted the public hearing on the zoning permit for Best Sunshine International, Ltd. at the Pedro P. Tenoriio Multi-Purpose Center last night.

The Commonwealth Zoning Board, after a public hearing, voted unanimously to grant the zoning permit to Best Sunshine to build its first hotel casino in the CNMI, to be located on Garapan.

The majority of those who gave supporting comments to Best Sunshine—lawmakers, regulators, businessmen, and retirees, among others—mentioned the benefits of establishing the hotel casino and the money that it is expected to bring once it becomes operational.

However, two public comments questioned the location of the hotel casino.

Liana M.S. Hofschneider, founder of the Council of Chamorro Advancement, said the location sits above an ancient burial ground.

Hofschneider said the developers' bulldozers, and diggers have been desecrating sacred grounds.

She said she is appealing to the Department of Public Lands and the Historic Preservation Office to not allow Best Sunshine to lease the land, and the Zoning Board not to grant the permit.

She also asked Best Sunshine to find an alternative location so that the area can be transformed into a walking park for the community.

For Vinni Orsini, a young CNMI resident, the hotel (or a representation of it) does not show any prominent feature of the local culture.

"Where is influence of Spain and Japan in the architecture?" he said, adding that there seems to be no representation of the Chamorro culture, and specifically, a recognizable feature of Saipan.

'Grand Mariana'

Best Sunshine CEO Mark Brown presented a computergenerated model of the hotel, which he said will be called the "Grand Mariana."

Grand Mariana will be 14 stories high, and will have 254 rooms and six villas. The parking lot will have more than 200 parking slots, accessible via a 30-foot side street.

Brown said it will have the casino, restaurants facing the beach, shopping stalls, and others.

The hotel is expected to rise in a more than 19,000-square-meter public land that has been leased to Best Sunshine for 40 years.

Brown also promised that all the questions of preserving the local culture will be considered, not just on the design of the hotel building but also on how to address the concern on the issue of the burial grounds.

Opposing the land lease

Hofschneider of the Council of Chamorro Advancement, meanwhile, said her group has submitted a letter of opposition to the DPL dated April 28. The letter indicated that the leased area "hosts significant cultural and historical past" and a site of an ancient Chamorro village.

The letter asks DPL to rescind the lease agreement, and accept the suggestion of her group to convert the area into a memorial walking park.

Hofschneider, in an interview, said the ancient remains of Chamorros are scattered in the area, indicating that it is indeed, an ancient burial ground, which is estimated to be more 1,000 years old.

She said the DPL has not responded to the letter.



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Herman's Modern Bakery opens Garapan branch

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Pan tuba, sweet bread, or pan

If you live in, or at least near Garapan, you don't

have to drive far to have the freshest bunch of these old Herman's Modern Bakery favorites.

The iconic bakery in the CNMI and the

Pacific is celebrating another milestone today as they open their new branch at the Tun Kiku's Building on Middle Road, Garapan. On their 71st year, Herman is hoping to bring back the spark that they had in the area.

well as provide convenience.

"We're very excited to be able to offer the community on this side to be able to come in to Herman's and buy their products and get our quality products," she said.

> Though everything will still be baked at their Airport Road branch, the company promises to keep up to standards.

"We will have multiple deliveries to ensure that the products are fresh," Hayes added.

Customers need not go far just to have customized cakes either. Herman's can have orders delivered to the Garapan





The CNMI's oldest bakery, Herman's Modern Bakery, is opening a new branch today in Garapan. General manager Ana Guerrero Hayes and assistant general manager-operations Michael Guerrero are excited to provide the community access to their freshest products.

everything will just be prepacked," she said.

For Hayes, it is the on-the-go people that they are catering to, providing access for delightful lunch and merienda breaks without the hassle of spending too much time in line.

But even if their products are mostly prepared to-go, customers are also welcome to stay to sip some coffee or eat some refreshments in their new place, just a couple of blocks away from the busy corners of Beach Road.

"We're providing the community the convenience of being in this area. At the same time we hope that we will be a bustling business. That's the plan," Hayes said.

So whether it's the old pastry favorites or the new additions to their menu you're after, come and get them freshly delivered at Herman's Modern Bakery at Tun Kiku's Building, Middle Road, Garapan. Store hours are at 6:30am to 6:30pm on Mondays through Saturdays and until 1pm on Sundays.



Herman once had a branch in Garapan but it closed down.

"Maybe at that point in time, it just wasn't the right thing for Herman's. But we are very comfortable here. We feel like we have a lot to offer," general manager Ana Guerrero Hayes said.

Now, Herman's aims to add variety to the community as branch, which will be having its own cake designer for finishing touches.

Aside from cakes, pastries, and sweets, Herman's also has lunch items on their menu and they are also bringing that to the new branch.

"Whatever is our hot lunch that we have, those will also be served here but







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Anti-child abuse groups end monthlong celebration

By JAYSON CAMACHO

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The Division of Youth Services under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs wrapped up its monthlong celebration of raising awareness and preventing child abuse and neglect by hosting a roadside waving with partnering agencies yesterday at the Atkins Kroll intersection in Oleai.

Students, parents, parish members, anti-child abuse organizations, government officials, agencies, and other anti-domestic violence advocates held up signs and waved to cars, urging them to honk in support of the goal to stop child abuse.

Signs in different colors such as "Honk Against Child Abuse," "Stop Domestic Violence," "Help Children," and many more were held up for motorists, who not only slowed down to honk but also rolled down their windows to wave back and show support.

"The roadside waving is to wrap up the April activities in honor of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Awareness Month and today we bring out our partners to support our mission to help stop child abuse in the CNMI," DYS administrator Vivian Sablan said.

Sablan cited that DYS had a total of 216 child abuse cases in fiscal year 2014 alone, involving a total of 528 children.

This was their first roadside waving and Sablan it couldn't have been made possible without the help of partners such as the Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

"We plan to do it again and continue to do our outreach in the schools so that the awareness can go stronger," she said. Aljanah Manabat, 10, said she was there with her classmates from Green Meadow School and they support what DYS and its partner organizations are doing.

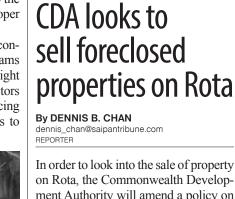
"Child abuse is bad and we should stop it because we need to protect the children and stop hurting them," she said.

Arnold Mesa, a referee under the

CNMI Referee Association, said that Abner Venus from DYS informed him about the roadside waving. Joining Mesa were his colleagues and young referees. Mesa said he supported this campaign in Guam for 30 years.

"I urge the community to speak out. Our children are the most vulnerable but I hope with all these things we are doing, more incidents are reported and we're no longer afraid to step up to the plate and bring the attention to proper authorities," Sablan said.

DYS representatives will be continuing to provide prevention programs and intervention services to highlight and build on family protective factors while also working toward reducing risk factors in its continued efforts to strengthen families in the CNMI.



on Rota, the Commonwealth Development Authority will amend a policy on the required six-month appraisal evaluation on foreclosed properties.

The board agreed that should there.

The board agreed that should there, "be any unique circumstance or offer that is on the table" this would be addressed by the board on a case-bycase basis.

Before they approved to amend the policy, board member Tom Glenn Quitugua, from Rota, asked what the accepted appraisal length would be.

It was clarified that the six-month period still stands but this would allow the board "to deal with any offer" on a case-by-case basis.

CDA executive director Manual Sablan noted, though, that the appraisal for those Rota properties was done six months ago. He indicated these appraisals should be updated, and the properties "undergo benchmark evaluation."

Notwithstanding the six-month requirement for the appraisal of properties they are going to sell or lease, board chair Diego Songao from Rota said, the motion is amending policy so it would give the board and administration the leeway to re-advertise this property without an appraisal, "to re-advertise it once or twice," he said.

Right after this, board director Quiugua motioned to change CDA policy "surrounding disposal or acceptance of offers on any and all real estate or holdings of properties" so that this first "shall be approved by the board."

"Any properties that need to be disposed, the administration shall refer these matters to the board for approval," reiterated Songao.

The board voted unanimously on both motions.



JAYSON CAMACHO

Green Meadow School students wave to passing motorists to support Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Awareness Month. DYS, other schools, advocates, government agencies, and churchgoers also participated in the roadside waving yesterday.

Cabinet members ordered to undergo ethics training

Cabinet members and agency heads have been issued a memorandum requiring them to undergo an ethics training provided by the CNMI Office of the Public Auditor on May 6.

According to the memo from the Governor's Office, all of the officials are required to attend the session as

part of efforts to "uphold the trust and integrity" of government offices.

After the training, the department heads will be expected to schedule further training for their respective staff with the CNMI within six months.

"Ethics training is conducted regularly and mostly upon request by vari-

ous government entities. Such training is important because governments usually have ethics laws and government entities tasked with overseeing these laws," Michael Pai, CNMI Public Auditor in an e-mail interview, said.

Pai said, "that a major aim of ethics training is to promote awareness

of the government ethics laws among government employees to minimize unethical behavior."

"Of course, there are penalties for unethical behavior in violation of these laws," Pai said. "This awareness may supplement each employee's personal system of ethics, which ought to serve as their guide to 'doing the right thing' at work and in their daily lives." (Joel D. Pinaroc)



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Alternative Zero's *Mayday*

OS and 911 are signals similar to the navigational distress call "Mayday." Religious disestablishments types organize around what they are against to highlight the irrelevance of the category of a 'god' that designates a dictatorial external force determining fate and destiny. We now recognize the reality of choice sans obeisance to "representatives of the external force"!

Walpurgisnacht is a night honoring a German Abbess in the 8th century that turned an evening into merry witches, of flying ladies of the night before they became the wench on the bench. The alarm on Mayday turned into the frolic of May Day!

May 1 starts the Spring Festival in the northern hemisphere. Pre-Christian observances included *Floralia*, the festival to the female force *Flora*, observed in licentious ambience of full pleasure-seeking activities. Rome followed patrician formalities but the games of Flora were strictly of plebeian character in garments of a carnival-like mood. Romps around the maypole with colorful ribbons are still held.

The U.S. military's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on display at Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is the subject of tonight's gathering from 5pm to 8pm at Garapan Elementary School, as it was Wednesday at Saipan Southern High cafeteria, and Thursday at the Tinian High School. The narrative proposes action and alternatives for Range Training Activities (RTAs) on Tinian and Pagan, with other alternative scenarios identified but not described; a "do nothing" is not taken seriously.

A conscientious group called Alternative Zero insists that local residents' say on the matter *before* anything else is supremely more important in the process. The present method is all-powerful Goliath dictating on subservient David.

Alternative 4 is a "save Pagan, save Tinian, our history, our home" proposal, including safeguarding the turtle eggs and the endangered *tutut* (rose dove bird).

The proposed action is for military use of Pagan and Tinian as live fire range locations, with restrictions on land and air access; the action and alternatives given are not "whether or not" but which "how" might be followed. Public discussion is welcomed.

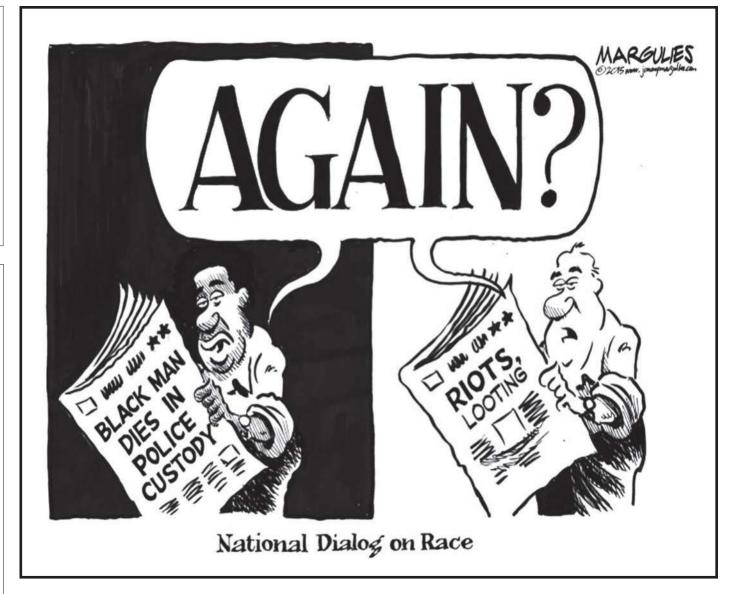
Alternative Zero encourages residents to read the proposal and offer comments, to make sure that ordinary folks understand the document, what decision is called for, and one can feel confident that what one says about it shall be listened to and seriously considered.

Saint Joseph is the patron saint of workers, thus Oleai Parish Church's name. The contract worker is at once a maligned and celebrated category in the CNMI. May Day Cold War warriors are consigned to medals and memorial parks; there is no shortage of pride in being a worker down Beach Road.

May Day is not a CNMI public holiday. "Labor" is celebrated in September and May Day parades worldwide commemorate Chicago's Haymarket 1886 protest to agitate for the 8-hour workday.

That the EIS encourages public discussion is a nod to democratic procedures. Some suggest six months, even two years, rather than 60 days of comments on the voluminous material and serious proposal. Do we, the people, care? Let's heed the *Mayday* on May Day!

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No, they're not rioting for no reason

y the time the sun came up over Baltimore's bruised and battered landscape Tuesday, a war-inspired narrative was being employed to characterize a night of burnings and mayhem. Its aggressors, as that narrative went, were the lawless, opportunistic thugs and looters out to destroy the city for no reason. The victims were the law enforcers, the property owners, the decent and law-abiding citizens of Baltimore who play by the rules.

There is of course no justification for the vandalism and violence that prompted right-wing commentator Matt Drudge to warn dramatically that America itself "could fall." But it is inaccurate to suggest there was no reason for it. Even rioters have a reason for rioting, and unless officials try to understand it, no number of National Guard troops will effectively stop them. Yet Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan dismissed any association between the rioting and the death of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man who suffered a severe spinal injury while in police custody and died later. Six police officers have been suspended while his death is investigated. "This is lawless gangs of thugs roaming the streets, causing damage to property and injuring innocent people," insisted the governor. "And we're not going to tolerate that."

No, it can't be tolerated, but it didn't happen in a vacuum. Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake also talked about "thugs who only want to incite violence and destroy our city." But what might cause people to feel so alienated or hopeless that they'd want to destroy their city? The most thoughtful answer I've heard came, of all people, from the chief operating officer of the Baltimore Orioles, John Angelos. The team owner's son connected the dots in a way most public officials have not.

"My greater source of personal concern, outrage and sympathy beyond this particular case is focused neither upon one night's property damage nor upon the acts," said Angelos, responding to a sports radio broadcaster upset about earlier protests causing gate closures at Camden Yards. "It is focused rather upon the past four-decade period during which an American political elite have shipped middle class and working class jobs away from Baltimore and cities and towns around the U.S. to third-world dictatorships like China and others, plunged tens of millions of good, hard-working Americans into economic devastation, and then followed that action around the nation by diminishing every American's civil rights protections in order to control an unfairly impoverished population living under an ever-declining standard of living and suffering at the butt end of an ever-more militarized and aggressive surveillance state."

In West Baltimore, the poverty rate is one in three.

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Angelos said what most of the presidential hopefuls coming through Iowa have lacked the guts, or perhaps the insight, to say. Few have linked growing impoverishment with trade policies that have made our workers redundant while enriching corporate coffers. Almost none of the presidential hopefuls—themselves backed by corporate patrons—even mentions poverty. So it's doubtful they've considered the sense of hopelessness that chronic unemployment might cause, or the disenfranchisement a black man might experience when his very presence is treated as a problem. It might mean getting pulled over for doing nothing wrong, or being handcuffed on a walk home. Or ending up dead for selling cigarettes, or for having the nerve to look a police lieutenant in the eye, as Freddie Gray did.

For months, we have heard a host of prospective candidates denounce efforts to make health care affordable for lower-income people. We've heard refusals to consider a minimum-wage hike, and complaints about educational standards that were intended to ensure all Americans get a fighting chance. Instead of ideas to make college affordable, we've heard platitudes about religious piety that somehow manage to sidestep the commandments about elevating the lot of the poor and the suffering.

Even Martin O'Malley, Maryland's former governor and Baltimore's former mayor, who is positioning himself as a progressive Democratic alternative to Hillary Clinton, is blamed by community leaders for 15 years ago implementing a zero-tolerance policy for crime. That has disproportionately hurt young black men, according to Lawrence Bell, the former Baltimore city council president. It has led to arrests for minor offenses such as loitering or littering, and helped fuel distrust of law enforcement. Having a record then makes it harder to get a job. After enough indignities and enough deprivations of rights and resources, you might start to believe the rules are different for you than for other people. You might come to see that as its own kind of warfare.

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Just wait a minute...

o be able to "wait and not be tired by waiting" was a virtue espoused by Kipling. Saipan is a great place to contemplate ol' Rudyard, since he was a fan of the tropical and the exotic. As for waiting, well, what can we say about that?

Saipan is mercifully devoid of much waiting, at least for residents. Tourists, on the other hand, who are sometimes on schedules wound tighter than a Swiss watch, have been known to be humorless about it. I learned a few important things because of just such

The situation came to my attention in a big way when a tour agent was looking over a business I was involved with. I guess you could term his visit a "service audit."

After being a fly on the wall and observing our operations flow, the agent was happy with things overall, but noted one glaring problem: Our clients sometimes had to wait for 10 minutes or so before

The agent told me that this was unacceptable. He pointed out that if a one o'clock tour doesn't start at one o'clock, then it's not really a one o'clock tour.

I was grateful for the insight. We cleaned up our act.

I reflected on speed limit signs on military bases that said "35 means 35," so my pals and I adopted a new slogan for us and the troops: "One o'clock means one o'clock."

Like many problems, the biggest step toward solving it was to be aware of it in the first place. Seeing things though the eyes of the customer may be a literal impossibility but it's sure a figurative necessity. International tourism merely accentuates this fact.

Here's another lesson from that situation: Our tourists were not inclined to complain to us if they were disenchanted. If anyone heard a complaint, it would be their tour agent. So this was a case where we lacked any real-time feedback. Some guy unhappy about cooling his heels for 10 minutes didn't look to us like a guy unhappy about anything at all.

Stepping into a broader context, I've noticed a few companies that have turned the tables on this waiting thing. Some luxury car dealerships, for example, have lavish lobbies in their service departments.

I remember taking a relative's Lexus to a dealership for some maintenance. I didn't have any particular interest in Lexus before I pulled into the dealership. But soon thereafter, as I reposed in a comfortable armchair, sipping a (complimentary) latte and reading a (complimentary) Wall Street Journal, I started warming up to the Lexus thing.

Instead of having some daytime TV show blaring at full volume, the financial news played in silence as the ticker symbols crawled along the bottom of the screen. Even if you're not keen on financial news, the peace and quiet was an asset to appreciate.

Instead of waiting being an annoyance, they turned it into a way to showcase good service.

Meanwhile, here's a waiting scene that many people don't like at all: airports. But I've seen the tables turned here, too. For example, if your travels ever take you through Douglas airport in Charlotte, N.C., you may hear a live piano player tickling the ivories in a

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pleasant arcade offering good food and libations. The scene puts a classy and contemporary gloss on good old Southern hospitality.

Paradoxically enough, the notion of waiting seems to attract some people in some situations. Big city nightclubs with lines in front of them can attract people who want to be part of the buzz. Ditto for long, even overnight, waits for concert tickets, flashy and trendy products, and so on. So, while people don't like to wait as a rule, the psychology of the crowd, if the crowd is waiting, is apparently powerful enough to override the aversion. We have no official word on that from Kipling, but we do know that he wasn't a big fan of crowds.

When I have to wait, I try to consider it an enforced recess, a time where I don't have to think about anything or do anything. This appeals to my nature as a complete goof-off. Hey, everybody has to be good at something, so at least I've found my true calling in life. Now that, my friends, is something worth waiting for!

Equal application of law!

ither most of us are clueless to the principle of "justice" in the equal application of laws or it's limited to legislators on imperial Capital Hill. Or is it the complete reverse? Remember the exhaustive public hearings on the proposed crematorium by the Zoning Board? The same should equally apply to Best Sunshine over the exemption hailed by legislators. Why settle for a favored firm over *all* the rest?

Didn't Arnold Palacios and cabal campaign to protect the environment and public's interest? Why leapfrog your promises now? Were you people beneficiaries of BSI's tons of money thus the servility in voluntary rain and fire dance begging, "how high do we jump?"

Furthermore, it is rumored that this and anti-military campaign are being bankrolled by several casino firms. Is this true and this why our servile legislators are so shamefully obedient?

Your loss of orientation, slide into obscurity and absurdity is humiliating. Why engage in the perversion of justice? Isn't the basic tenet of a democracy begins and ends with "we the people?"

We must forcibly bring some sense of purpose to policymaking by removing all those who treat people they represent as inconsequential. I am sure you understand why we must begin petitions for your ouster. Disgusting the omission of experience-based wrongful engagement with shortsighted legislation. And you keep returning to shove it down our throat?

Corruption: Elitist game

"A Chinese philosopher said, 'Men cannot see their reflections in running water, only in still water.' There's also an idiom from a dictionary that says, 'Running around like a headless chicken'"-a quote I pulled out of my favorite Pinoy columnist, Jose Ma. Montelibano, an idea fit for healthy discussion here.

Like he said, we've heard words of wisdom from parents, teachers, gurus, religious people, our elders, and the wise man of the vil-

The issue is about change, specifically its challenge: How do you implement it to attain the desired results with integrity and fairness?

Indeed, in recent past our people have dealt with issues that affect them including the continued deterioration of current conditions. Specifically, it's about how bad things are throughout the islands.

But we've also used our short memories in the process to rein in self-destruction and add to the layer of entropy—one mess after another—like there's no tomorrow. As though ignorant, we quiz what happened. It's about change that is basically political in all its trappings. The failure is self-inflicted but had the audacity to question our own awareness.

We talk loosely of corruption, abuse of power and lazy bureaucrats who do nothing but make public services much more difficult to obtain than is necessary. Our new tool in short memories is despicably staggering and it has turned around to show us our lack of resiliency holding on to what's right.

Indeed, even those who are vocal aren't necessarily equipped with anything to make a difference. So, it slides into "After all is said and done a lot more is said than done." And life goes on in these isles with more head scratching all over again.

Why is this the case? Simple: corruption isn't found among villagers. It's the game of the elitist bunch at our imperial hilltop.

You see, the average villager goes about his business earning his dues the old fashioned way. He isn't sufficiently sophisticated to know what political greed entails. He isn't open to the culture of corruption and would never be given a fair shot at it either.

It is limited to the big guys and gals in public office. Nothing

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changes for as long as the troops stay intact to rake in some more goodies from donors and, yes, the taxpayers!

Axiom of money and politics

Simultaneously, there's an axiom in politics that money always creates important friendships, influence and special consideration. Wise politicians recognize this danger and work to keep it at bay. Did our suspect men of wisdom stand their ground on the casino legislation? Or did they head to the dance floor and waltzed with their friends all night?

Is there quid pro quo from rich donors for their re-elections and shouldn't this brazen political deviancy an issue to probe to the hilt? Not as dumb as we look and we want answers!

Change could only happen with conviction and direct participation. Only then would we be able to see our faces in the still waters of a determined people to strengthen a government of laws. Otherwise, we could opt out conveniently and continue running around like headless chickens. I'm used to the perennial disorientation but is it our only option now?

Majority of Americans exhibit 'economic insecurity'

tion and globalization, Americans would feel a generalized sense of economic insecurity. I scraped a few dollars together and had a highly respected pollster, Anna Greenberg, check my hunch. We found that the majority of Americansboth Democrats and Republicans-indeed experience a sort of economic anxiety. This is true for 5 of the 6 facets of their lives we asked about.

Americans are most concerned Social Security will not be there when they retire and that they will not have enough money to retire. For now, the majority feels it may not have enough money to pay the bills or that they may lose their jobs. A majority also is concerned it will be unable to afford health insurance. (This may at first seem counter-intuitive, given the enactment of the Affordable Care act; note that the ACA sets no ceiling on how much insurance companies can charge.) Of somewhat less concern, but still very much on the mind of half of all Americans, is the risk they will lose their homes. The only question that scored less than 5 out of 10 on the worry scale was whether they will have the same job in 10 years.

Unlike the many issues about which Democrats, Republicans

had a hunch that following the Great Recession, deregula- and independents respond differently, economic anxiety seems to afflict the majority of all three groups: the mean score is 6.7 for Democrats, 6.6 for independents and 6.4 for Republicans. Compare this to inequality: While majorities of all three groups agree that inequality is increasing, a 2014 poll found 90 percent of Democrats favor government action to reduce inequality, compared to 69 percent of independents and 45 percent of Republicans. Moreover, to reduce poverty, a majority of Democrats favored higher taxes and expanded programs for the poor, while a majority of Republicans favored lower taxes to encourage investment and growth, believing aid "does more harm than good."

There were some differences among our respondents. We found younger people are somewhat less troubled than older ones, and that the most troubled group is those who are near retirement age, 50 to 56. Those with less education are much more worried than college graduates. And those with lower income are naturally more worried than those with high income.

The American sensibilities concerning economic insecurity are very different from those that concern inequality and economic stagnation. Inequality concerns are based on a sense of fairness. Thus reports that women working on Wall Street, and By AMITAI ETZIONI CQ-Roll Call

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doing the same work as men, are paid much less, seem unfair even if they make six figures and they have no reason to be economically insecure. People troubled that their wages have not increased for years and hence can buy less each year, may still have a secure salary. However, those anxious worry daily if they will still have a roof over their head the next day, a source of income, a job, and the ability to retire. The issue here is more one of anxiety than alienation or disaffection. So far, no party has zeroed in on this issue and suggested a new or reinforced safety net to allay these fears.

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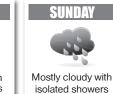
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A plea for help for the people of Nepal

Dear community members: You may have heard about the massive earthquake that struck Nepal on Saturday, April 26, 2015.

This has caused a heavy destruction to our country. More than 4,400 people lost their lives, thousands of people are injured and thousands remain homeless.

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- Sandhya Panthi, contact number: 287-4020
- Renuka S. Dangol, contact number: 285-1028
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Thank you very much.

Renuka S. Dangol

The Nepalese Community of Saipan

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ur lives are marked by milestones. Such milestones mark significant stages in our lives that read like radar blips on a heartbeat monitor. Some of us have more blips than others. Some have bigger blips than some. And when the blip makes its mark with the final heartbeat, we will have written our individual life story for history and others to examine long after we're gone.

As the saying goes, in life, the only two certain things are death and taxes. That time was *never* promised to us is a painful lesson I have sadly come to learn over and over again. It began since early childhood with the untimely passing of some

of my immediate family members-witnessing my beloved father, the late Francisco Borja Kaipat, gunned down right before my 10-year-old child's eyes on Pagan on April 28, 1972; later in my adult life, hearing from afar of the unexpected death of my brother Saturn, who collapsed in the carport minutes after visiting our Mom and the family; learning from afar the devastating news of my beloved Mom Matilde Matagolai Kaipat's life slowly ebbing away as she forced herself to sit up in bed struggling for every breath at our CHC hospital while I was miles and miles away recuperating from major surgery at St. Luke's

Global Hospital in the Philippines; and learning from afar of the news of my brother Cris collapsing during a Bowling Championship Tournament in Guam, only to pass away at Guam Naval Hospital. All of these painful moments are woven into the fabric of my life.

Also, in life, many of us bring meaning to our lives through giving back to our communities. We seek out causes and volun-

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The impending militarization of the Commonwealth

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teer for organizations or churches that match our passions and convictions. In 1998, I returned home to my present home on Saipan after living abroad for almost 20 years. Shortly after arriving home, I stumbled upon a cause that seized mechained itself to me and refused to let go. Seventeen years ago, our own leaders then in the Legislature saw fit to introduce a bill to forever ban our Northern Islands people from ever returning to Pagan due to the volcano's eruption in 1981. The bill said that the eruption had poisoned the air and that it was too

By CINTA KAIPAT

Special to the Saipan Tribune

Cinta M. Kaipat, a former resident of Pagan in the Northern Islands, is a lawyer and former member of the CNMI House of Representatives.



poisonous for Pagan's former residents to return home and resettle there forever. Yet the same

bill declared the very same air safe for our government tourist agency to build housing accommodations for tourists; for a company to bring workers there to undertake pozzolan mining; and, yes, the same bill even went so far as to promote Pagan as a place to "propagate endangered species." Oh, the irony in this—or shall I say the *audacity*! My brother Gus and I countered this audacity by quickly gathering a group

of former Northern Islands residents for a group photo, having T-shirts quickly printed up with our group photo with the caption "Northern Islanders, Endangered Species," and having every man, woman and child march into a public hearing wearing these T-shirts. We succeeded in defeating that ridiculous bill. This was a huge blip on the radar of my lifeline.

Several years later, the late renowned Master Carolinian navigator Mau Piailug led the Makali'i Voyage from Hawaii to the Marianas. A reporter from the San Francisco Chronicle

followed the voyage and interviewed several people in the community. I was one of them. You can read about that article here: http://www.sfgate. com/news/article/Navigating-Modernity-The-Carolinians-atiny-3774200.php. In my interview, I merely told the simple story of our people just wanting to live off the land and sea as our ancestors had done hundreds of years before us. This struck a chord with an individual living in San Francisco named Pete Perez, who felt compelled to track me down and offered to help me help the Northern Islanders realize their long-lost dreams of resettlement. Together, Pete and I co-founded PaganWatch along with my brother Gus and our dear friend and brother, Matt Smith. Before we could even consider resettling our people up north, we first had to save Pagan from corrupt officials, corrupt politicians, corrupt mining speculators, and yes, even save ourselves from ourselves. For you see, some of us chose the easy road—lured by promises of easy money, even at the expense of the many. Sus-

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE CNMI JOINT MILITARY TRAINING DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The U.S. military announces the availability of the CNMI Joint Military Training Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) for public review. The Draft EIS/OEIS evaluates the potential impacts associated with the establishment of a series of live-fire ranges, training courses and maneuver areas in the CNMI (Tinian and Pagan) to reduce existing joint service training deficiencies and meet U.S. Pacific Command Service Components' unfilled unit and combined level training requirements in the Western Pacific, Existing military training areas and support facilities in the Western Pacific, particularly those in the CNMI are insufficient to support U.S. military training requirements. U.S. military training capabilities and capacity improvements are needed in the CNMI to ensure that the U.S. military can meet their U.S. Code Title 10 requirements to maintain, equip, and train combat and humanitarian forces in the Western Pacific.

The publication of the Notice of Public Meetings in the Federal Register on April 3, 2015 initiates the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) public comment period for the CNMI Joint Military Training Draft EIS/0EIS. Comments on the Draft EIS/0EIS may be submitted during the 60-day public comment period starting on April 3, 2015 Hawaii Standard Time (HST) (April 4, 2015 Chamorro Standard Time [ChST]). Comments should be postmarked or received by June 2, 2015 HST (June 3, 2015 ChST). Government agencies, private-sector organizations, and the public are encouraged to participate in the NEPA process and public meetings for the Draft EIS/0EIS. The U.S. Marine Corps on behalf of U.S. Pacific Command will host public meetings on Saipan and Tinian.

The public is invited to attend the following public meetings:

SAIPAN:

- Wednesday, April 29, 2015
 Saipan Southern High School Cafeteria
 5:00 PM 8:00 PM
- Friday, May 1, 2015
 Garapan Elementary School Cafeteria
 5:00 PM 8:00 PM

TINIAN:

Thursday, April 30, 2015 Tinian Junior Senior High School Cafeteria 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Each meeting will begin with an open house session where the public can learn more about the proposed action and potential environmental impacts from project team members and subject matter experts. A public hearing will follow the open house. In the interest of available time, participants will be limited to three minutes to ensure all who wish to submit verbal comments have an opportunity to do so. A Chamorro and Carolinian interpreter will be available.

Concurrent with the NEPA process, the U.S. military is conducting National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation regarding potential effects of the proposed action on historic properties. During each of the above meetings, the U.S. military will hold NHPA Section 106 information sessions in a separate area where subject matter experts will explain the NHPA Section 106 process and solicit public input on the effects of the proposed action on historic properties.

There are three ways to submit written comments: (1) providing comments at one of the public meetings; (2) submitting comments through the project website: www.CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com; and (3) mailing comments postmarked by June 3, 2015 ChST to:

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific Attn: 09PA, Public Affairs Office 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100 JBPHH, HI 96860-3134

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Power of the people

e in the Northern Mariana Islands are intimately familiar with change. Our islands sit along the seismic ring of fire, and in the path of seasonal tropical storms. We have been swept by the winds of multiple wars in the modern age, and experienced much ecological, social, and political disruption. Unexploded ordnance and other relics of conflict still litter the islands. Our landscapes, collective memory, and relationships with each other reflect our remarkable capacity to survive, recover, and thrive.

Throughout our tumultuous history, we have always had the power to influence the course of change and determine the ways in which we respond – whether we negotiate, accommodate, adapt, or resist. This has been true in times of war and typhoons. It is true today as we confront the profound implications and impacts of the proposed military buildup in our Marianas.

The military wants to use our islands to expand their operational and training capacities in the Western Pacific, and they have set their sights on Tinian and Pagan in particular. They claim to need both.

They propose, in part, to conduct live fire, combined arms, and maneuver exercises and to establish training areas and support facilities. This would mean the acquisition of scarce public lands and the designation of highly hazardous areas where bombs will be dropped. It would mean hundreds of acres of new impervious surface—pavement and structures—on both is-

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The impending militarization of the Commonwealth

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lands. It would mean significant damage to fragile nearshore and terrestrial ecosystems, the loss of rare native plants and wildlife, and the destruction of cultural and historic sites. It would restrict public access to invaluable resources for livelihood and recreation, disrupt the serenity of village and homestead life on Tinian, and cancel altogether the aspirations of residents who hope to someday rebuild a community on Pagan. Some economic benefits might be gained, but at what cost? On balance, what do we stand to lose forever? What will we fight to protect?

As we consider the military's proposal to expand operations on our islands, we should be fully cognizant of what we already give as members of the American political family. We recognize the strategic importance of the Marianas to national interests in the region. We value the service of our armed forces. Many of us now serve or have served in the military, and we have lost family members and friends overseas.

Moreover, with respect to our natural resources, when we entered the Covenant with the United States, we leased 17,799 acres of land on Tinian, 177 acres on Saipan, and the entire 206-acre island of Farallon de Mendinilla, plus the adjacent waters of these lands, for defense purposes. For several decades now, the military has used Farallon de Mendinilla for bombing exercises. These are significant sacrifices for the nation.

Our lands and waters are precious to us—tied inextricably with livelihood, cultural identity, and our sense of place in the world. For good reason, our founding fathers of the Commonwealth negotiated for provisions in the Covenant that restrain the federal government's exercise of eminent domain powers. The federal government for its part explicitly promised to "recognize and respect the scarcity and special importance of land in the Northern Mariana Islands"

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pended was the notion of doing the right thing simply because it is the right thing to do. The battle wasn't easy. In fact, it was a hard-fought battle. For three solid years, PaganWatch fought to arm our citizens with the truth by appearing and pleading our cause at board meetings, writing and publishing countless letters in the newspapers, appearing on radio and television, and holding countless grassroots meetings. In the end, we prevailed by pressuring the government agency into denying the corrupt and unqualified mining speculator a permanent exclusive

mining permit that would have allowed it to keep 93 percent of the mining profits and give the CNMI people a measly 7 percent for raping our land and robbing our people of our own resources. *Yes, the audacity!* This was another huge blip on my lifeline radar.

Today, there's an even bigger and more insidious threat looming on our horizon, one that promises to bring mass destruction to our people and our island on every imaginable level. The U.S. military's *outrageous* proposal to use Pagan and Tinian for their live-fire target practice, amphibious training, sonar testing in our waters, etc., brings all sorts of emotions bubbling

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(Section 806, Covenant). The United States agreed to abide by a policy of acquiring only the minimum amount of land necessary for public purpose, to attempt to acquire such property first by voluntary means before exercising the power of eminent domain, and to refrain from acquiring interest in property until duly authorized by the U.S. Congress.

Our Commonwealth has contributed a great deal to national defense—in land, water, airspace, service, and blood. To take more when we have given so much already—and to do so in the face of vigorous public resistance and concern—would raise serious questions of social and environmental justice for which we should all demand answers.

So as we confront the dramatic social and environmental impacts that would come with the buildup as proposed and as we consider our response, we are, as always, faced with choices. It is our responsibility as citizens to engage: to educate ourselves and become well-informed about our rights, interests, options, to ask critical questions and speak up about our concerns, and to stand firmly by our convictions and values. Moreover, our leaders need to know clearly where we stand and represent our best and highest public interests. We should expect them to consult with us, to negotiate with integrity on our behalf, and to make informed and ethical decisions. We should support them as they do so, and hold them accountable.

Our leaders are now seeking a modest six-month extension to review and analyze the military's draft Environmental Impact Statement. They are wise to do so. The military has had years to

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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develop their complex and highly technical plans. We certainly need more than 60 days to consider what they propose. Defense officials have been quoted in local media saying that they are still considering our government's "request" for more time (which should really be construed as an assertion of a genuine and reasonable interest) and would like to hear from the public first. So they are moving forward with public hearings as scheduled.

That's fine. But our leaders also want and need time to consult directly with us, the community, on our own terms, and to hire independent expertise to assist in the process of analysis and public outreach. We should demand and take all the time we need to fully understand the far-reaching and lasting changes that the military proposes to bring to our islands, and to carefully consider all our options for negotiation and action.









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he 42 cattle ranches on Tinian represent a significant community asset, with an overall herd population of over 1,000 cattle, estimated at well over \$500,000, not including fence lines and other farming infrastructure. These

ranches provide our communities with fresh, wholesome meats that are produced in highly sustainable pasture production systems that provide food security at the household and community level, and provide income to farming families. The ranching lifestyle on Tinian represents a type of modern island culture that serves as a basis for sustainable development and improved food systems throughout the region. Currently, Tinian's cattle producers provide the bulk of the cattle that are processed in the slaughterhouse on Saipan and retailed through the Saipan Farmers Market in Garapan. Furthermore, many of the cattle that have recently been exported to

Guam from Saipan were first shipped from Tinian pastures, provided health certificates, and then shipped to Guam. Beef from Tinian is also sent to Palau, Yap, and other parts of the region.

Over the last decade, much has been done to further develop Tinian ranches. Over \$2 million in conservation funding has been invested into Tinian pastures by the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service and through loans from the USDA Farm Service Agency, greatly improving the productive capacity of Tinian pastures. Breed improvements to the beef herd, through artificial insemination programs, have allowed for new genetic influences from wonderful cattle breeds, such as Senepol, Brangus (Brahman X Angus), Red Angus, and Brahman. Ranchers have benefited from training programs in animal health, pasture management, animal husbandry, meat processing, and

much more. In short, Tinian ranches and ranching families represent an enormous resource, as they contribute so much to our islands in terms of culture, food, economic activity, and we should do everything we can to protect and nurture these and other local food production systems.

And why shouldn't we? We have been blessed with incredibly fertile and productive soils on this island, that have been developed

> at different points in history by ancient Chamorros, the Spanish, the Japanese, German, and Trust Territory Administrations, to serve as a cornucopia of food production that has fed families and communities well beyond the island's shores. During the Japanese administration, 1914-1944, approximately 98 percent of Tinian was used for sugarcane production, to include livestock and crop production that supported a diversified economy built upon agriculture, tourism, and a military presence of over 5,000 troops. During the Ken Jones era (1960' and 70's), there were over 7,000 beef cattle, 1,000 milking cows, along with thousands of hogs,

pineapples, and many other crops. The meat, produce, and milk products grown on Tinian during this time were mainly shipped to Guam to supply the United States military markets and J&G Payless supermarkets. Time and time again, Tinian has served as the bread basket of the Marianas.

I'm hopeful that during this "American" administration of Tinian, that American ingenuity, resources, and progressive planning can be employed in order to rebuild Tinian agriculture, in concert with other proposed military, tourism, and community related developments. Being that approximately 95 percent of Tinian farms and the majority of island's "prime" and "unique" soils exist within the two-thirds of Tinian that are leased to the Department of Defense, it is critical that military planners are enlightened and informed about the important role that farms can play in military and civilian planning. The Marine Forces Pacific has a proposal to build and run a live fire range complex on DOD leased lands on Tinian, and I am grateful for how this group, MARFORPAC, has worked with the Tinian Cattlemen's Association to develop a plan for ranch relocations, water well improvements, and so forth. Although, we are only a tiny group of ranchers and community members, many of whom may not have access to the online version of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (http://www.cnmijointmilitarytrainingeis. com/documents) and only a single public hearing for which to provide their comments. It is therefore very important for all who care about Tinian, about sustainable development in the Marianas, and any other issue related to the military buildup in the Marianas to read and contribute constructive ideas and comments related to the MARFORPAC proposal. If you think that Tinian ranches and other food systems on Tinian are important, please do this now, because the window of opportunity to go on the public record will soon be closed. Help us preserve our "growing" island culture by staying informed and playing an active role in the process.

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to the surface—none of them good. You see, live-fire training is incompatible in every sense of the word with resettlement of Pagan and the rest of the Northern Islands. It is because of this very real threat that we decided to reactivate PaganWatch, made easier now that Pete and his wife Emma have moved to Saipan. PaganWatch has teamed up with our sister organization Guardians of Gani, led by Kelli Aiken Tenorio, Rosemond San-

tos and Gary Sword, my sister Cil Kaipat-Selepeo (who was delivered by my father on Pagan), and others to form the Alternative Zero Coalition.

What is Alternative Zero? The U.S. military has Alternative 1, Alternative 2, etc. Alternative Zero is the citizens' choice for what we want for Pagan and Tinian. Alternative Zero stands for NO to destruction of Pagan or Tinian at the hands of the U.S. military. NO means NO! This does not mean that we are unpatriotic, for our records speak for themselves. Far from it. But we

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing on the proposed Ocean Vista Resort project under permit application number SMS-2015-X-010. The permit application was submitted by the Saipan International Real Estate Development Corp., Ltd. (SIRDCL) to construct a nine-story building with144 hotel rooms, 5 two-bedroom apartments, 4 five-bedroom villas, restaurants, gift shop, swimming pool area, gymnasium, water pump and storage facility, injection and projection wells, access roads, parking areas, and landscaped gardens.

The proposed Ocean Vista Resort project will be situated in Lower Capitol Hill on 10 acres of private lands specifically Lot numbers H 328-3, H 328-5, and TR-21698.

The public hearing is scheduled for Monday evening, May 18, 2015, 5:00 PM at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality conference room, Suite 205, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan.

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mail to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comment during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M, Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Ocean Vista Resort project.

/s/ Frances A. Castro Director Division of Coastal Resources Management



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INVITATION TO BID ITB15-GOV-084

Procurement and Delivery of Desktop Computer Hardware with UPS, Software and Printers

Submission Date: May 26, 2015 Opening Date: May 26, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m Time: 10:30 a.m.

Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Ralph DLG. Torres through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) are soliciting sealed bids for the procurement and delivery of desktop computer hardware with UPS, software and printers for the Rota Mayor's Office and Rota Department of Public Safety.

The project package will be available on Friday, May 1, 2015 at CIP- Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the package will be assessed. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt must be presented when obtaining a package. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing on or before May 11, 2015 to CIP-Office of the Governor Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill or fax to (670) 664-2408. Response to questions will be shared with all

Sealed bids must be marked ITB15-GOV-084 Procurement and Delivery of Desktop Computer Hardware with UPS, Software and Printers, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., May 26, 2015. Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:30 a.m. Saipan local time May 26, 2015.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part and to waive any imperfection in any bid in the best interest of the Government. All bids shall become the property of the GNMI Government.

Elov S. Inos. Governor

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: April 23, 2015

Closing Date: May 8, 2015

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancy:

(3) AOA Controller-I (Saipan) (1) Vessel Traffic Controller-I (Saipan Seaport) (1) Radio Operator/Weather Observer (Rota) (1) ARFF Training Coordinator (Saipan)

(2) General Maintenance-I (Saipan) (1) Mechanic-II (ARFF Saipan)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office. 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10 year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office is no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 8, 2015.

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form during regular working hours at the CPA's Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Saipan International Airport, Arrival Wing. For additional information, please contact the CPA HR Administrator Mrs. Addy C. Manahane, by email at acmanahane@cpa.gov.mp or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

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/s/ MaryAnn Q. Lizama **Executive Director**

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have given Uncle Sam our most precious resources—our sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, grandchildren—who have served in the military and some of whom are still actively serving today. And, yes, we must never, ever forget those who paid the ultimate sacrifice, whose families must sacrifice every single day they are missing their loved ones! How much more are you going to take from us?

For those of you who attended the military public hearing at Saipan Southern High School on Wednesday night (April 29), one of the last speakers was my niece, Francella Kaipat Reyes, who stood before us all with her daughter Natasha by her side, and spoke of her truth. She addressed Uncle Sam's agents in the audience and told her story. She said that when she raised her right hand and swore to protect and defend her country and her people, she did so with no questions asked. She said she allowed you, Uncle Sam, to inject her with medications; no questions asked. And she endured the painful sacrifice of leaving her daughter motherless for 13 months while she was deployed overseas. She told us her feet touched the sands (and grounds) of Iraq, Afghanistan, and other remote places that's hard for us to pronounce, let alone spell.

Through it all, she gave her all and served as a loyal, patriotic daughter of the CNMI, serving her people and country. Today, she adds her plea to the chorus of voices asking for Uncle Sam not to destroy Pagan. She hopes that one day, her little girl's feet would also touch the sands of Pagan, the home of her grandmother, aunts, uncles and nieces—that beautiful island paradise she heard so many stories about.

My fellow citizens in and out of the CNMI, this is one of those times where we are living history as it is being written. One can always remember where they were when President Kennedy or Dr. Martin Luther King were shot. When the final chapter of this living history is written, what would you tell your children and children's children about the role you played in standing up to the U.S. military today? Would they say, "Where were you?" It was gratifying to see so many young children standing before the public, bravely opposing the military's proposed destruction. They are critical as they will carry on this fight long after some of us are gone. So, my fellow citizens, Chamorros, Refaluwasch, U.S. mainlanders, all citizens of the world-hear this: Now is not the time to be timid. Now is not the time to be faint-hearted. Now is the time to stand up and be counted! Come to the public hearing at the Garapan

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- Maintain records of daily data communication transactions, problems and remedial actions taken, or installation activities.
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Government officials led by Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres and staff and officers of the Marianas Visitors Authority pose for a group photo during the proclamation of May as "Tourism Month" in the CNMI.

The administration of Gov. Eloy S. Inos has proclaimed May as "Tourism Month" to celebrate the importance of the tourism industry in the Commonwealth.

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, the tourism industry contributed \$444 million in direct impact and more than \$600 million in indirect impact to the CNMI's economy in fiscal year 2014 alone.

This year's monthlong Tourism Month will carry the theme "Tourism is everybody's business."

Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, who presided over the proclamation signing on Wednesday conference room, urged the community to remain "polite and courteous" to tourists visiting the CNMI.

"Like what was stated before, tourism is everybody's business, and not just the MVA's," Torres said

The proclamation states that tourism provides "opportunities for employment, economic prosperity, international trade, and cross-cultural understanding.

In January, arrivals to the Commonwealth reached their highest level in 10 years at 45,688 visitors, while hotel occupancy rates reached an allat the Office of the Governor's time record high in February.

Overall, in fiscal year 2015, a 13.3-percent increase in arrival is projected, largely based on the addition of a new air service from South Korea.

In addition to being the main economic driver and largest private sector employer in the CNMI, the tourism industry provides numerous other benefits to residents, the proclamation reads.

It said: "Tourism balances the need to preserve a healthy environment with the need for economic development and encourages the community to maintain the beauty and tranquility of our home." (Joel D. Pinaroc)

Man gets 46 months in prison in 'ice' case

Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, announced that Albert Portusach Mendiola Jr., 32, of Tamuning, Guam, was sentenced on April 28, 2015, before Senior Judge Alex R. Munson, in the District Court of Guam, to 46 months imprisonment, three years supervised release and $50\,$ hours community service.

Mendiola pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Mendiola was arrested on Dec. 5, 2012, with 9.7 grams of methamphetamine. He also had an electronic scale, several cut straws, and plastic baggies

in his possession.

This investigation involved federal agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives, and officers from the Guam Police Department. The case was prosecuted by assistant U.S. attorney Clyde Lemons, Jr. (USAO)

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Elementary School on Friday, May 1. The public hearing is from 5pm to 8pm, but come to the Alternative Zero Coalition tent that will be set up from 4pm to 9pm. Bring your friends, families, neighbors, and anyone and everyone you can think of! Make your voices count where it counts! Remember: United we stand! Divided we fall!

As for me, I intend to make this the biggest blip on my life's radar monitor. I shall continue to stand up and raise my voice for the universe to hear. Leave Pagan and Tinian alone! May God bless and protect us all.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-15-015

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF TYPHOON RECOVERY MATERIALS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Supply and Delivery of Typhoon Recovery Materials for CUC Power Division, Saipan, Commonwealth of the

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, based on bids for "Commodity Groups".

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-15-015, Supply & Delivery of Typhoon Recovery Materials" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 27, 2015 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bid. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surely. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may

be contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's (CPÚC) approval. If CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 11, 2015 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Alfredo Palattao, CUC Power Division Engineer via email alfred.palattao@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC

ALAN W. FLETCHER

MANNY B. SABLAN



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



WATER METER INSTALLATION, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for Water Meter Installation in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity work consists of removal/replacement of failed and non-functioning water meters on the CUC water system, installing meters for customers who do not currently have a water meter on their service line, and relocating water meters to the right-of-way. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an

This project is funded by the USEPA and the US Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water

the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan. between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

One (1) original and Seven (7) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-15-016, Water Meter Installation, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 20, 2015, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash. certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on May 4, 2015 to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, CUC Water/Wastewater Junior Engineer – via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

> ALAN W. FLETCHER Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, Jr. Purchasing Officer



COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950 Tel.: (670) 234-6245/6293/7145/7146 • Fax: (670) 235-7147 Email: administration@cda.gov.mp • Website: www.cda.gov.mp



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR BOND TRUSTEE SERVICES 2015-CDA-04-RFP

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 3, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres through the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA), are soliciting proposals for bond trustee services.

The original and six (6) copies of a proposal must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m., Chamorro Standard Time (Chst) on May 23, 2015. No proposals will be accepted after that date and time. Proposals shall be in sealed envelopes marked "Proposal for Bond Trustee Services" and delivered to the attention of:

> Mr. Herman S. Sablan, Director Division of Procurement and Supply (P&S) Department of Finance Government of the Northern Mariana Islands Lower Base Saipan, MP 96950

Copies of the RFP package may be obtained from the CDA office, CDA Building in San Jose, Saipan. Electronic copies of the Proposal will not be accepted. The CDA reserves the right to reject any proposal that in its sole determination is not in the best interest of the CNMI Government.

Manuel A. Sablan CDA Executive Director

/s/Herman S. Sablan Director, Procurement & Supply



COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

Main Office: SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT P.O. BOX 501055 • SAIPAN • MP 96950 Phone: (670) 237-6500 • Fax: (670) 234-5962 E-mail Address: cpa.admin@pticom.com • Website: www.cpa.gov.mp

ARFF BUILDING ROOF REPAIRS PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-002-15 **CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting for sealed proposals for the repairs of the roof at the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Station at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. The work shall include all materials, labor and equipment necessary to achieve a finished product, including but not limited to the items in the scope of work and those shown on the layout.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Roof Repairs at the ARFF Station, CPA-SA-002-15". One original and four (4) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The proposer shall submit with their proposal the following: Letter of interest:

- Project Approach;
- - Construction Team, Related past project performance (include commendations or certifications, if available) Available resources to accomplish the project; Cost proposal (in itemized SOW format); and
- Valid CNMI Business License.

Proposers shall also with their proposal a statement of qualifications which should include résumés and experience of personnel that will be directly in charge of the project. Note that the contractor team that submits a proposal cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors.

A site visit may be requested by each proposer and will be coordinated with the ARFF personnel

The Scope of Work (SOW) and layout may be picked up at the CPA Administration Office at no cost. Project approach and cost must be within the parameters of the established SOW. Any deviation from the SOW, a proposal based on reduced SOW or a proposal that exceeded what is required by the SOW, will be grounds for immediate disqualification of the offeror's proposal package. An electronic copy of the layout can be made available upon request to Ms. Wendi Prater at email address wprater@cpa.gov.mp.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax

This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 40-50-225. Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the

Total cost for construction Experience of the firm on similar or related projects Qualifications of the principal(s) and assigned staff

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold the contract award for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of receipt of proposals.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Upon award, contractor shall execute performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract amount from a CPA approved surety prior to commencement of work.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) calendar days. Liquidated damages of \$200.00 shall be assessed the contractor for each calendar day the completion of the project is delayed beyond the contract completion date without excuse

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

THOMAS P. VILLAGOMEZ

Date: April 13, 2015

IT&E is title sponsor of 2015 MMAC



Sales & Marketing manager,

said that IT&E is committed to

continue to support the cause

and that there are no wasted efforts when the goal is finding a

cure for cancer. Everyone in the

community is affected by this pandemic-victims, survivors,

IT&E's school partner, Saipan Southern High School,

has also been also instrumen-

tal in helping the cause. The

students actively participate

in all aspects of the event, but

are particularly very successful with selling luminaries,

designing the baton, running

laps, and helping out at the tent. Many thanks to Arisa

Sakai, SSHS teacher represen-

tative, for encouraging the stu-

dents to get involve. (PR)

families and friends.

From left, Juan Babauta, CCA; Janine Nogis, MMAC; Patty Kaipat, CCA; Maggie Camacho, CCA; Gerilyn Dela Cruz, MMAC; Hans Mickelson, IT&E; Catherine Attao-Toves, MMAC; Audrey Ada, CCA; and Nola Hix. MMAC.

sponsor of the 2015 Marianas March Against Cancer with inkind donations totaling \$5,025.

For over 15 years, IT&E has remained a loyal supporter and sponsor of the Marianas March

IT&E has been named a title Against Cancer event, formerly called the Relay for Life. Throughout the year, IT&E will raise funds selling raffle tickets at different company events and donate prize items.

Hans W. Mickelson, IT&E



Procurement And Supply CNMI Government

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP NO.: RFP15-BECQ-081 SUBMISSION: MAY 20, 2015

TO CONDUCT ASTM PHASE 1 ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT OF THE PINA PLATEAU SITE

ON TINIAN, A PROJECT UNDER THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL QUALITY"

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for May 06, 2015 at 9:30 a.m., local time in the 2nd Floor BECQ Conference Room (Rm. 205).

Questions regarding this RFP may be submitted by facsimile to Mr. Ray Masga, Manager, Site Assessment at Remediation Branch at (670) 664-8540 or by e-mail to raymasga@dec.gov.mp no later than the close of busines May 11, 2015. Responses to questions shall be shared with all prospective proposers.

/s/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN Administrator of BECQ

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Director, P&S



Alter City Group donates \$10,000 to the man'amko on Tinian. From left, Aging Center administrative officer Evelyn David, Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz, Sen. Francisco M. Borja, Alter City Group Human Resource and administrative manager Redie Dela Cruz, Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, CCA director Bonnie Borja, 15th Tinian Municipal Council chair Raynaldo M. Cing and Rep. Edwin P. Aldan.



On April 29, 2015, Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas, along with Tinian Delegation members, 15th Tinian Municipal Council members, CCA director Bonnie Sn. Borja, and Aging Center senior citizens receive a check from Alter City Group in the amount of \$10,000 for the celebration of Mes Man'amko.



PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY **CNMI GOVERNMENT**

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: MAY 19, 2015

HEALTHCARE CORPORATION" COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION

"TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS. IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWFAITH

/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA CEO - COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORP. /S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN DIRECTOR, P&S



PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY **CNMI GOVERNMENT**

INVITIATION TO BID ITB NO.: ITB15-CHCC-077

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: MAY 19, 2015

TIME: 10:00 AM

"FUEL AND LUBRICANT SERVICES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH **HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART. AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWFALTH

/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA CEO - COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORP. /S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN DIRECTOR, P&S



Procurement And Supply CNMI Government

INVITATION TO BID

ITB NO.: ITB15-CHCC-079 SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: MAY 19, 2015 TIME: 11:00 A.M.

"OUTSIDE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FOR THE **COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION"**

Copies of the specifications may be picked-up at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Dr., Saipan, during regular

The government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfections in the best interest of the

/s/ FSTHER I MUNA CEO - Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. /s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN

Director, P&S



INVITIATION TO BID ITB NO.: ITB 15-CHCC-066 (A) (B)

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: MAY 12, 2015 TIME: 10:00 AM <u> "Purchase of Nine (9) microsoft surface pro tablets</u> AND EIGHT (8) APPLE IPAD AIR 2 FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

HEALTHCARE CORPORATION" COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOWER BASE DR., SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH

/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA CEO - COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORP. /S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN DIRECTOR, P&S



"CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION VIDEOS, FOR THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL

AND COASTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT" THE SCOPE OF WORK IS AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER <u>APRIL 24, 2015</u> AT THE BECQ OFFICE LOCATED AT THE GUALO RAI CENTER BUILDING, ON CHALAN PALE ARNOLD ROAD, SAIPAN OR ELECTRONICALL BY E-MAIL REQUESTED TO

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT CAN BE MADE TO REBECCA SKEELE BY PHONE, (670) 664-8313, OR BY E-MAIL AT skeele.crm@gmail.com, NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, MAY 12, 2015, CHAMORRO STANDARD TIME, UTC +10 HOURS (E-MAIL IS PREFERRED). RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH OTHER PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, ALL RIDS SHALL RECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE COMIC GOVERNMENT.

SUBMISSION DATE: MAY 21, 2015



PROCUREMENT AND SUPPY • CNMI GOVERNMENT **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** RFP NO.: RFP15-BECQ/DCRM-089

SUBMISSION DATE: MAY 22, 2015 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"TO COMPLETE A 2015 SAIPAN LAGOON USER SURVEY.
FOR THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL QUALITY, DIVISION OF
COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT"

THE SCOPE OF WORK IS AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER APRIL 24, 2015 AT THE BECQ OFFICE LOCATED AT THE GUALO RAI CENTER BUILDING, ON CHALAN PALE ARNOLD ROAD, SAIPAN OR ELECTRONICALLY BY E-MAIL REQUEST to skeele.crm@gmail.com.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT CAN BE MADE TO REBECCA SKEELE BY PHONE, (670) 664-8313, OR BY E-MAIL AT skeele.crm@gmail.com, NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, MAY 13, 2015, CHAMORRO STANDARD TIME, UTC +10 HOURS (E-MAIL IS PREFERRED), RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS SHALL BE SHARED WITH DEPORTED THE PROPOSEDER.

THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND PROPOSALS; IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A BID IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL BIDS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

Chow Queen Bakery re-opens, explains fire accident

The management of Chow Queen Bakery in Susupe reopened yesterday and explained that a gas supplier's technician caused the fire at the bakery.

Alexander Tangcoy told Saipan Tribune that the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services gave Chow Queen Bakery the go signal to re-open for business

after they explained what happened and paid \$400 to process their fire certificate.

Tangcoy said Department of Fire personnel will again inspect the bakery.

He said he was informed that the Department of Fire will investigate the gas supplier's technician over the fire incident.

Tangcoy said he checked Fri-

day the regulator valve of their gas tank located outside the bakery's building and found a leak. He said the gas supplier's technician came and tried to fix it but failed.

At 4:30pm that same day, the technician returned, removed the tank's regulator and used a modified hose instead. Tangcoy said he asked the technician if that was safe, and was assured that there's no problem with it.

Tangcoy said the following day, as their worker was cooking, the hose expanded and exploded because of the pressure, starting the fire. He said the worker suffered minor burns on the hands and face. They immediately brought him to the hospital.

Tangcoy admitted that they did not report the injury to authorities immediately because they were confused at that time and concerned for their worker's safety.

He said fire investigators then inspected the bakery's kitchen so he explained to them what happened because the investigators' initial finding was that it was arson.

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde on Tuesday said an order was issued stopping the operation of the bakery due to a fire that injured an employee.

Gersonde said the bakery was inspected and it was concluded that its baking activities were unsafe.

Gersonde said the employee's injury and its cause were not immediately reported to authorities. (Ferdie de la Torre)

AHEAD OF MILITARY BUILDUP

Farrell: HPO board committed to prepare Section 106 accord

By DENNIS B. CHAN

A Historic Preservation Review board member says they will do the best they can to prepare a programmatic agreement as part of the Section 106 process of the National Historic Preservation Act to protect cultural and historic sites that will be impacted by the U.S. military's live-fire training on Tinian and Pagan.

Board member Don Farrell told Saipan Tribune that the programmatic agreement will be prepared assuming a "worstcase scenario." Or in other words, that every action detailed in the draft environmental impact statement on live-fire training for Tinian and Pagan "comes into fruition," he said.

Board members met yesterday morning at the NMI Humanities Council for a "working session," according to vice chair Dr. Hiro Kurashina. Farrell said they all committed to prepare this agreement.

In attendance were board members Francis Hexel, Kurashina, Farrell, chair Jun Duenas, and Dr. Colt Denfield, who was unable to attend their last official meeting. Both Hexel and Denfield attended via Skype.

Farrell said the board is "doing the best we can...to come up with a programmatic agreement that takes into account as many impacts on historic and cultural sites as possible to be

He said regardless if the Legislature or the administration back off on live-fire or artillery training on the islands between now and the military's Record of Decision, the board would proceed in preparation of the agreement.

military construction as early as summer 2016. A Record of Decision on the proposed training is expected before this time.

It appears now that the board would like a programmatic agreement in place to ensure the CNMI is ready should the military push for activities non-compatible with CNMI interests.

For one, the draft EIS notes landing ramp.

able to protect them."

The draft EIS eyes a date for

a "high impact area" for livefire near the Northfield Runway. It also proposes to dredge coral offshore a National Historic Landmark landing beach to construct an assault vehicle

On the Northfield runway, Farrell called this "a playground" for him. Farrell is a CNMI historian.

CDA approves City Trust Bank for small business loan initiative

The Commonwealth Development Authority has added City Trust Bank as a depository of State Small Business Credit Initiative funds.

The money deposited in the account will serve as collateral for City Trust Bank as it participates in a program that CDA hopes will push out some \$4 million in loans by June.

CDA acts as a conduit of these SSBCI funds deployed by the U.S. Treasury. The program is bank-driven. Banks can turn to SSBCI for cash collateral or loan purchase support to assure their investment in the local businesses they loan to.

The CDA board of directors voted unanimously to allow SSBCI funds to be deposited at City Trust Bank but with some recommendations.

Board member Tom Glenn Quitugua and other members appeared concerned over "liability" CDA might have in this process. He urged that the

resolution contains language that refers to the memorandum of agreement signed by CDA and the federal governing that "would eliminate all doubt as to any conflicts as to any liabilities"

Board chair Diego Songao asked the CDA lawyer present to get the "specific language" for this recommendation. The board voted unanimously. (Dennis B. Chan)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy birthday Elaine Kelly Cabrera! May your day be one filled with a whole lot of love and a whole lot of blessings. Thank you for the person you are, and we hope you enjoy this special day of yours. Greetings come from si Mestisu and the kids!

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The Commonwealth Development Authority will seek the interest of those willing to purchase their office location in Oleai.

The CDA board of directors approved a move to solicit proposals for the CDA building at their meeting on Tuesday.

Board member Tom Glenn Quitugua said they are trying to determine the "best asking price" of the building and that they were "not necessarily going to take action on the RFP."

CDA seeks buyers for its Oleai building

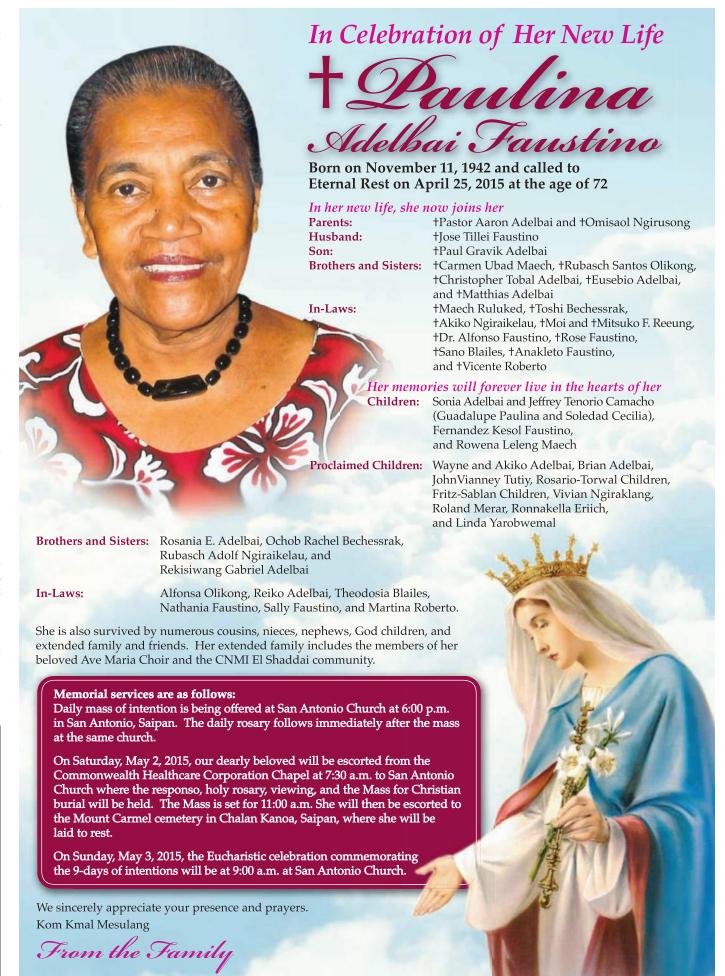
Ignacio Kiyoshi Jr. called this looking for the "best asking price."

"One of the reasons we were doing this is there are some interested individuals and companies that wanted to buy this property," explained board chair Diego Songao.

By voting in favor of the RFPs, the board authorized the appraisal of the property.

The final motion was stated: "that the property owned by CDA be out for [request for proposals] and also to have evaluation and appraisal of this building as there are some interested in this building here."

The board voted unanimously. (Dennis B. Chan)



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Business

Noting slower economy, Fed appears no closer to a rate hike

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve downgraded its view of the U.S. economy Wednesday after a winter in which growth nearly froze. The Fed offered no sign that a rate increase might be coming soon.

On a day when the government estimated that the economy barely grew in the January-March quarter, the Fed acknowledged that economic barometers have weakened of late, in part because of temporary factors. It noted in a statement that growth has slowed, business investment has softened and exports have declined.

It also reiterated that before raising rates, it needs to be "reasonably confident" that low inflation will move back up to the Fed's 2 percent target.

In its statement, the Fed removed all calendar references—a message that any move to raise its key rate from a record low near zero will hinge entirely on what the economic data show.

The only parts of its policy statement the Fed changed Wednesday dealt with its assessment of economic conditions. It said growth has "slowed during the winter." That was a downgrade from its March statement, which said growth had "moderated somewhat."

But the Fed partly blamed "transitory factors" for the deceleration and stressed that it expects the economy to expand moderately.

David Jones, an economist who has written several books on the Fed, said he thinks a rate hike is unlikely until September. Still, he foresees a pickup in growth and a rate increase by fall.

"I think the Fed believes most of the slowdown will be temporary," Jones said. "There will be a bounce back in growth in the second quarter, and that is why I think the Fed will start raising rates in September.'

Earlier Wednesday, the government estimated that the economy grew at a barely discernible annual rate of 0.2 percent in the January-March quarter, battered by harsh weather, plunging exports and scaled-back energy drilling. It was the poorest showing in a year and was down sharply from a 2.2 percent annual rate in the fourth quarter.

Stocks dropped on the disappointing economic news and remained low after the release of the Fed's policy statement. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down about 74 points, or 0.4 percent.

\$1 million in one day: United Airlines customers, employees support Nepal

>> Surpassed

\$100,000

within the

minutes of

campaign

first 100

in donations

CHICAGO—United Airlines 250 bonus miles, those who announced today that in just one day, customers and employees have generously donated more than \$1 million to the airline's disaster relief partners the American Red Cross, Ameri-Cares, Airlink and Operation

USA to aid those affected by the earthquake that struck Nepal on April 25.

"This immediate outpouring of support is remarkable and shows a great deal of compassion from our customers employees," and

said Mark Anderson, senior vice president of corporate and government affairs at United. "These generous donations will go a long way in helping those impacted by the devastating earthquake in Nepal."

Since Monday, more than 7,800 United customers and employees have made contributions to relief efforts in Nepal through the company's fundraising site, and United has provided a \$50,000 match donation to these partner organizations. The airline is also providing a one-time mileage bonus to MileagePlus members who donate. United is contributing up to 5 million miles for this initiative. MileagePlus members who give between \$50-99 will receive

contribute \$100-249 will receive 500 bonus miles, and members who donate more than \$250 will receive 1,000 bonus miles.

For more information and to make a donation, custom-

ers and employees may visit United's fundraising page at https://www.crowdrise.com/unitednepalrelief. The 5 million bonus miles will be awarded on a first-come, firstserved basis based on contributions

made through 11:59pm CDT on May 15, 2015.

Customers may also donate miles

MileagePlus members with accrued miles can donate their miles to a charity through United's Charity Miles program. Many international relief organizations send personnel and volunteers to assist in the affected region, and the donation of miles will help defray their expenses. Through these programs, MileagePlus members can donate a minimum of 500 miles to any of the designated groups involved in the relief effort. Customers may also donate miles by calling MileagePlus Customer Service at 1-800-421-4655. (United)

Among the areas of the economy that may have weakened is the job market. U.S. employers added just 126,000 workers in March, the fewest since December 2013, breaking a 12-month streak of gains above 200,000. Gauges of manufacturing, housing and consumer spending of late have also been weak to modest.

The Fed's unanimous decision Wednesday means it will keep its key rate near zero, where it's been since December 2008. That's when the Fed slashed the rate as low as it could to support an economy heading into the deepest recession since the 1930s.

Until the economy's recent slowdown, many economists had thought the first rate hike could occur in June. But analysts have been pushing back their estimates of the first rate increase until September or possibly later. Some analysts say persistently modest growth and low inflation could keep the Fed on hold until 2016.

Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said the statement made clear that Fed officials expect both the economy and inflation to rebound.

"But until they see evidence of such a rebound, which could take another few months, they are in no rush to raise interest rates from near-zero," Ashworth said.

Record pollution fine for McDonald's supplier in China

BEIJING (AP)—A french fry supplier to the McDonald's restaurant chain in China has been issued Beijing's biggest-ever pollution fine for releasing dirty wastewater, state media reported.

The official Xinhua News Agency said late Wednesday that Beijing environmental officials levied a record fine of 3.8 million yuan, or more than \$650,000, against Beijing Simplot Food Processing Co. Ltd.

The company is a joint venture between McDonald's, the U.S.-owned J.R. Simplot Co. and the Beijing Agricultural, Industrial and Commerce General Co.

Xinhua reported that last November inspectors found waste water discharged by the company contained organic compound levels higher than that allowed. The report said Beijing Simplot was upgrading its sewage treatment facilities at the time of the discharge.

Beijing officials didn't answer phone calls Thursday.

Chinese officials have announced a crackdown on polluters across the country that has included tougher regulations as well as new rules clarifying who can file lawsuits against polluters.

Nation

Thousands in other cities protest death of Baltimore man

BALTIMORE (AP)— Thousands of people hit the streets in Baltimore and several other cities from Boston and New York to Indianapolis and Washington, D.C., on Wednesday to protest the death of a black man who died of spinal injuries after his arrest by Baltimore police and to demand reforms to po-

While protests of the death of Freddie Gray were mostly peaceful, there were some arrests, including 16 in Baltimore and more than a dozen at a rally in Manhattan's Union Square. Gray, of Baltimore, was critically injured in police custody.

lice procedures.

After meeting with faith leaders and a lawyer for the Gray family, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake said officials were working hard to make the investigation into Gray's death transparent and keep the community informed.

Police have said that they will turn over findings from their investigation to the state's attorney on Friday

Still, anger and anxiety hung over Baltimore.

Hundreds of protesters, many of them students

No groom? No problem. But lawmakers seek proxy wedding limit

DENVER (AP)—In Colorado, couples can get married with only one of the parties present for the occasion, a holdover from the Vietnam War that allowed soldiers to marry their sweethearts while deployed.

Even though there's no evidence the law has been misused, county clerks worry it could be a national security risk and are asking lawmakers to limit proxy weddings.

To have such a union, one person goes to a clerk's office with identifying documents for both parties, passports and birth certificates will do, along with a two-page notarized affidavit declaring the bride or groom's absence. The missing party designates a stand-in, and there can be a wedding.

California, Montana and Texas allow proxy marriages, but they're limited to military couples. Colorado has no such restrictions, making it unique—and risky, clerks say.

They worry about human trafficking or immigration fraud, concerns that have prompted lawmakers to draft legislation restricting proxy weddings to military personnel and government contractors.

wearing backpacks, marched through downtown, calling for swift justice in the case of Gray.

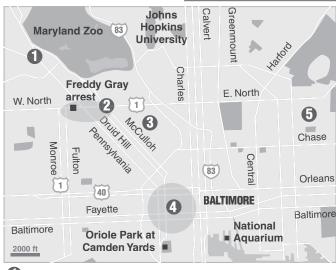
Authorities carefully monitored the rally after teenagers started the violence Monday afternoon, throwing bricks and bottles at officers who had gathered near a major bus transfer point. The situation escalated from there, overwhelming police as protesters set fire to cars and buildings and raided stores.

Schools closed Tuesday because of the mayhem, but reopened Wednesday, after the city's first night of a curfew went off without the widespread violence many had feared.

Volatile outbreaks in Baltimore

Riots in west Baltimore started Monday afternoon, near where Freddie Gray, 25, was arrested earlier this month. By midnight violence spread to east Baltimore and neighborhoods close to downtown and near the baseball stadium. At least 15 officers were hurt, including six who were hospitalized; there were 144 vehicle fires, 15 structure fires and nearly 200 arrests.





- Riots first erupt near Mondawmin Mall on Monday afternoon
- 2 CVS store looted and burned; other property damaged
- Sav-a-lot and Rite Aid stores property damage and looting
- Looting and property damage reported at cafe, stores, hair salon, market, music shop
- 6 Looting and property damage reported

Source: BBC, AP, Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore Sun Graphic: Greg Good, Tribune News Service

ACROSS THE NATION

Bomber's teacher: He 'always wanted to do the right thing'

BOSTON (AP)—As a child, Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev was quiet, hardworking and "always wanted to do the right thing," his third-grade teacher testified Wednesday to jurors who will decide whether he spends the rest of his life in prison or is sentenced to death. Catheryn Charner-Laird testified on the third day of the defense case in the penalty phase of Tsarnaev's trial as his lawyers shifted the focus away from his older brother, Tamerlan. The defense has portraved Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who died days after the bombing, as the mastermind of the attack. Three people were killed and more than 260 were wounded when twin pressurecooker bombs exploded near the finish line of the marathon on April 15, 2013.

California ramps up efforts to cut greenhouse gas

emissions

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Building on California's ambitious effort to curb greenhouse gas emissions, Gov. Jerry Brown on Wednesday called on the state to further slash its carbon footprint over the next 15 years. Brown set a new target of reducing emissions to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, calling it the most aggressive benchmark enacted by a government in North America. The goal is a mile marker on the way to cutting emissions by 80 percent from 1990 levels by 2050 that was set by Brown's predecessor, former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. "I've set a very high bar, but it's a bar we must meet," Brown said during a climate conference in Los Angeles. California, which already has an aggressive plan to combat global warming, currently is on track to meet a goal of cutting carbon emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, partly by forcing companies to pay for their pollution.

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Asia

Japan PM offers condolences for WWII dead

WASHINGTON Prime Minister Shinzo Abe offered condolences Wednesday for Americans killed in World War II in the first address by a Japanese leader to a joint meeting of Congress, but stopped short of apologizing for wartime atrocities.

Abe came to Capitol Hill after a morning visit to a Washington memorial to more than 400,000 American service members who died in the conflict. His remarks to a packed chamber a day after meeting President Barack Obama were warmly received by lawmakers.

"My dear friends, on behalf of Japan and the Japanese people, I offer with profound respect my eternal condolences to the souls of all American people that were lost during World War II," he said. prompting his audience to rise in applause.

But he skirted another issue that some U.S. lawmakers had also been urging him to address in what is the 70th anniversary year of the end of war-the sexual slavery



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe speaks before a joint meeting of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, April 29, 2015.

of tens of thousands of Asian women by Japan's military, which remains a sore point with another staunch U.S. ally, South Korea. One of 53 surviving Korean victims, Yong Soo-lee, 87, was in the gallery to watch Abe's address, seated in a wheelchair.

Instead, the Japanese prime minister expressed "feelings of deep remorse over the war." He acknowledged that "our actions brought suffering to the peoples in Asian countries, we must not avert our eyes from that." That won't satisfy his critics, who want Abe to do more than "uphold" the apologies for wartime abuses made by his predecessors.

Democratic Rep. Honda, who invited Yong to attend, said it was "shocking and shameful" that Abe was evading his government's responsibility over atrocities committed by the Imperial Army against so-called "comfort" women.

Tent cities thin out in Nepal capital but residents on edge

KATHMANDU, Nepal

(AP)-Under a steady morning drizzle, hundreds of people lined up Thursday in Kathmandu hoping to board free government-provided buses to rural parts of the quake-hit country as food aid began to reach remote villages near the epicenter.

Tens of thousands of people have left the capital since Monday to check on relatives in rural areas or simply to get away from the aftershocks that have rattled the city since Saturday's magnitude-7.8 quake. The disaster killed more than 5,500 people and rendered thousands more homeless.

"I have to get home. It has already been so many days," said Shanti Kumari, with her 7-yearold daughter, who was desperate to check on relatives in her home village in eastern Nepal. "I want to get at least a night of peace."

Five days after the quake, tent cities in Kathmandu had thinned out, as overnight rainfall persuaded many people to return to their homes, even if they were damaged by the quake. The streets of the capital were slick with rain Thursday morning, the potholes were filled with water.

While residents remained on edge, life in the capital was slowly returning to the way it had been before the quake. Small snack shops were open. At a leather goods shop, a merchant brushed dust from a jacket on display. A man laid out carpets and rugs beneath an awning

at a handicrafts store. Foreigners stood in line at a cellphone

"It's getting back to normal, but we're still feeling aftershocks. It still doesn't feel safe," said Prabhu Dutta, a 27-year-old banker from Kathmandu. He said he felt four aftershocks in the morning, including one that rattled the sliding glass doors of the bookshelf in his bedroom—My morning wakeup notice," he said.

Dutta has been sleeping in his home, which has some cracks in the wall, for two nights, but the dozens of small aftershocks that he has felt since Saturday's huge quake make him uneasy. "I am worried about whether they will continue for a long time or whether it will calm down."

Vietnam War 40 years on, enemies now friends but still pain

read "Long Live the Glorious Party of Vietnam," 40 years after communist forces seized control of the country and America walked away from a divisive and bloody war that remains a painful sore.

Thousands of Vietnamese, including war veterans in uniform, lined up to watch soldiers and traditional performers parade through the streets of what is now Ho Chi Minh City.

On April 30, 1975, North Vietnamese tanks rolled into Saigon, then the capital of South Vietnam. They crashed through the gates of the presidential palace and hoisted the communist

HO CHI MINH CITY, Viet- flag. It was an incredible victory fall of Saigon. **nam** (AP)—This city once for the revolutionary forces that equipped United States.

"The tank crashing the gates ... was a symbol of victory for the Vietnamese nation and the Vietnamese People's Army, marking the end of the 30 years of national resistance against the French and then the Americans," said Nguyen Van Tap, 64, who drove Tank 390 through the iron bars and reunited with members of his tank company Wednesday. "For the Vietnamese, April 30 is a day of festivities and national reunification."

For the U.S. and its South Vietnamese allies, the day was one of panic, chaos and defeat known simply as the

After the government's paknown as Saigon was festooned had waged guerrilla warfare rade and celebratory speeches in red banners on Thursday that against the powerful, better were over Thursday, a group of former U.S. Marines who helped Americans evacuate Saigon as it fell planned to gather at the site of the old U.S. Embassy, now the U.S. Consulate. They were dedicating a plaque to the two fallen comrades who were last two U.S. servicemen killed in the war: Cpl. Charles McMahon and Lance Cpl. Darwin Judge died April 29, 1975, when their post near the airport was hit by a rocket.

Some 58,000 Americans were killed in the war along with up to 250,000 South Vietnamese allies and an estimated 3 million communist fighters and civilians.

World

France investigates accusations that soldiers raped children

PARIS (AP)—French prosecutors and military authorities are investigating accusations that French soldiers in Central African Republic sexually abused children they were sent to protect.

The French probes follow an initial United Nations investigation into the allegations a year ago—all of which were kept secret until a report in the Guardian newspaper Wednesday pushed officials to publicly acknowledge them.

A U.N. worker leaked information about the U.N. investigation to French authorities last year, the U.N. Secretary-General's office said in a statement. That worker, identified by the Swedish government as Swede Anders Kompass, has been suspended and is now under internal investigation.

Central African Republic has seen unprecedented violence between Christians and Muslims since late 2013. At least 5,000 people have been killed, and about 1 million are displaced internally or have fled the country. France sent troops in late 2013 and the U.N. set up a 12,000-strong peacekeeping force in September last year.

In spring 2014, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in the country's capital, Bangui, carried out a probe prompted by "serious allegations of sexual exploitation and abuse of children by French military personnel," the U.N. Secretary-General's office said Wednesday.

The alleged abuse took place before the U.N. force took over. The U.N. investigation has now been passed on to French authorities, said a spokesman for the U.N. human rights office in Geneva, Rupert Colville.

The French government was informed of the accusations in late July 2014, the Defense Ministry said in a statement. Military authorities and the Paris prosecutor's office opened a preliminary investigation and investigators went to Central African Republic in August.

Central African children told UNICEF and other U.N. officials in Central African Republic of sexual assaults by French soldiers around the M'Poko airport between December 2013 and June 2014, the French Defense Ministry said.

Jordan's overland trade paralyzed by Iraq, Syria border woes

JABER CROSSING, Jordan (AP)—Jordan's overland trade has largely been paralyzed by recent border attacks from insurgents in neighboring Syria and Iraq—a spillover of regional turmoil threatening a close Western ally that has thus far succeeded in fending off Islamic militants.

The violence has forced the closure of the only Syria-Jordan trade crossing and further disrupted already sharply diminished cargo shipments between Jordan and Iraq. Thousands of trucks sit idle, traders are scrambling for new transport routes and the government says Jordan's economy is losing tens of millions of dollars a month.

"Iraq is closed, Syria is closed, only the (route to the) Gulf is left," said truck driver Firas Zoabi, who has lost most of his business in recent weeks because of blocked or treacherous crossings.

The border disruptions are the latest setback for Jordan since the Arab Spring uprisings of 2011—and particularly since Islamic State militants seized large areas of Syria and Iraq last year. Unemployment and the cost of living are up, driven in part by the influx of hundreds of thousands of refugees from Syria's civil war, while tourism, direct foreign investment and trade have dropped.

Jordan's exports decreased nearly 17 percent in the first two months of this year, compared to the same period in 2014—and that was before the most recent troubles.

A month ago, Jordan closed its only working border crossing with Syria after rebels fighting President Bashar Assad captured the Syrian side of the border point from pro-Assad forces. Last weekend, Islamic State militants set off three suicide car bombs on the Iraqi side of the only truck crossing with Jordan, killing four Iraqi troops and causing major disruptions.

The loss of trade routes is hurting Jordan's farmers and manufacturers. "Both Syria and Iraq are major export markets for Jordan, so definitely the closure of the borders would have an impact on our industry," Trade Minister Maha Ali said in an interview.

The economic fallout was apparent this week at the Syrian-Jordanian crossing, known to Syrians as Nasib and to Jordanians as Jaber. A free trade zone next to the crossing has been closed amid reports of widespread looting by Syrian rebels.

Syrian opposition, activists report chemical attack in Idlib

UNITED NATIONS (AP)— Syrian activist groups on Wednesday reported another suspected chemical attack in the northwestern province of Idlib, with one group tweeting that a dozen people were "suffocating."

Several Idlib-based groups said government helicopters dropped at least two barrel bombs containing chlorine on the town of Saraqeb, triggering cases of suffocation.

The Syrian Network for Human Rights, which is based outside the country, tweeted that 12 people were "suffocating."

The reports could not be independently verified. A call to Syria's mission to the U.N. rang unanswered Wednesday evening.

The head of Syria's main opposition group in exile said he received the reports during his informal meeting with the U.N. Security Council behind closed doors.

Khaled Khoja with the Syrian National Coalition said he urged the council to act on its resolutions, including one adopted last month that threatens action against the use of chemical weapons in Syria.

Activists have reported several attacks since then, and the council earlier this month heard from a Syrian doctor who treated victims from a half-dozen of them. "Everyone smelled bleach-like odors" and heard the sound of helicopters, Mohamed Tennari said of one incident.

The U.S. and other council members have repeatedly blamed the Syrian government for such attacks, saying no one else in the four-year civil war has helicopters to deliver the toxic chemicals.

But the U.N.'s most powerful body seems stuck in taking further action because there is no way to formally assign blame.

Neither the U.N. nor the global chemical weapons watchdog, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, has that kind of mandate, though the OPCW this year condemned the use of chlorine in Syria as a breach of international law. Council members have asked the OPCW to look into the latest attacks

The council found rare agreement on Syria in the fall of 2013 to order the removal and destruction of Syria's chemical weapons, but chlorine was not declared as a chemical weapon. The chemical does not have to be declared because it is also used for regular purposes in industry.

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Off The Wall

Brewers vie to turn sewage into beer



In this photo taken on Friday, April 24, 2015, Clean Water Services spokesperson Mark Jockers shows sealed containers of highly purified water from their facility in Forest Grove, Ore.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)— Some companies boast of making beer with spring water from majestic mountains.

They won't be competing in the upcoming Pure Water Brew Challenge, in which an Oregon wastewater treatment operator has asked home brewers to make great-tasting beer from hops, barley, yeast and the key, not-so-secret ingredient: treated sewer water.

The point of the contest is not to find Portland's next trendy craft beer. Rather, it's an effort to get people talking about how a vital resource can be reused thanks to advanced water-filtration systems.

"We need to be judging water by its quality, and not by its history," said Mark Jockers, a spokesman for Clean Water Services, which runs four wastewater treatment plants in the Portland suburbs. "The water we're producing is significantly cleaner than what the safe drinking standards are for water that comes out of taps across the United States.'

The utility plans to release 300 gallons of highly purified water in early June to roughly 20 home brewers from the Oregon Brew Crew, the state's oldest home-brewing club. A panel of experts will judge the beers in late July or early August. The victor wins \$100, five others will get \$50, and their kegs will be taken to an international water conference in Chicago. Though state regulators have approved the safety of the water, the beer won't be sold at stores

Though some might find toilet-to-tap totally gross, places from Singapore to parts of California and Texas use treated effluent for drinking water, generally mixing it into the regular supply.

Clean Water Services says its process for purifying the water for the beer contest includes ultrafiltration, reverse osmosis and advanced oxidation—terms that don't exactly fire the public's imagination.

Oregon Brewers Festival founder Art Larrance sits on the utility's advisory board. He figured if you want to get Oregonians talking about recycled water, you have to make beer. The contest was born.

Science & Technology

Four little-known Facebook apps

NEW YORK (AP)—You Messenger or TextNow for in the group. These groups probably already use Facebook on your phone, along with its Messenger app for with Facebook chatting friends. You might also have Instagram and WhatsApp, two services Facebook bought in recent years.

Not content with those successes, Facebook wants to be an even bigger part of your mobile life. So far, its Creative Labs division has churned out seven littleknown apps that extend existing Facebook features or try to compete with popular apps such as Snapchat—the difference being that Facebook's version hasn't been all that popular.

Nonetheless, Facebook is unlikely to give up. With Creative Labs, the 11-year-old tech behemoth is able to function more like a nimble startup. That means some apps might flop, but Facebook gets to embrace its now-retired catchphrase "move fast and break things."

Here's a look at four of Facebook's home-grown apps—and who might need them:

■ Hello

Sure, every phone comes with the ability to make calls. Now, you can do that through Facebook's Hello app. The idea is to give you more information about who's calling, such as the number of Facebook friends in common. It also makes it easy to block unwanted calls. If a number is blocked by a lot of people, the call will automatically go to your voicemail.

When you make the call, you're still going through regular channels-your normal phone app for cellular calls (which will eat up your minutes), or an app such as

Wi-Fi and data calls. Think of Hello as Facebook's overlay for your various calling apps. The person you're calling doesn't need Hello, but won't get the additional information and blocking capabilities without it.

You can also search for local shops, bars or eateries and call the business through Hello. While this can be helpful, it's probably not enough to justify yet another app on your phone.

Whom it's for: People who use disposable phones and want to appear to those they are calling with a constant caller ID-as in their Facebook profile. Anyone with limited voice minutes who wants to screen unwanted calls. Probably not you—especially if you have an iPhone. Unlike the others, Hello is for Android only.

Mentions

Not wanting to fall behind Twitter when it comes to celebrities, Facebook designed Mentions with them in mind. The app lets bold-face names such as Oprah, Samuel L. Jackson and Jennifer Lopez connect with fans.

Regular folks like you can't download or use Mentions. But if you follow celebrities' Facebook pages, you can see their updates, photos, videos and public chat sessions. Celebrities can also use Mentions to post on Instagram and Twitter.

Whom it's for: Beyonce.

■ Groups

About half of Facebook's 1.44 billion members belong to one or more groups on the site. Groups can be completely public, open by invitation only or "secret," such that they wouldn't even appear in a search unless you're already let people connect based on a hobby, a genetic disorder, a geographic location or simply the love of a band.

The Groups app brings together various group features so you don't have to dig around the main Facebook app on your phone. You can manage existing groups or find new ones, based on recommendations or searches. You can also create shortcuts to your favorite groups on your phone's home screen. As with the main Facebook app, you can use Groups to discuss topics or plan events.

Whom it's for: Highly organized, on-the-go individuals who want to easily keep tabs on the many Facebook groups they belong to. Your aspirational self.

■ Slingshot

Facebook was unsuccessful in buying Snapchat, the disappearing-message app popular with teenagers and millennials. Facebook's answer is Slingshot. Both are simple to use, but neither will work without other friends using it, so it helps if you're in with the hip young crowd.

Slingshot is intended to make photo-sharing more reciprocal than simply throwing pictures up on Facebook or sending them over instant messaging. When you get a photo from a friend, you can "react" by sending a response photo of your own.

Photos here disappear, too, but only after 24 hours, rather than the few seconds that Snapchat gives you once you view it. You can also swipe them away more quickly, as you would a dating rejection on Tinder.

Whom it's for: Teenagers with selfie-sticks. Facebook employees.







This combination made from product images provided by Facebook shows screen shots from three of its home-grown apps, from left, Hello, Groups, and Slingshot.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Greek justice pursues jobless father-of-3 beyond the grave

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP)-A Greek court has convicted a dead man of stealing electricity from a power utility, giving him a six-month suspended jail sentence. Defense lawyer Christos Bakelas told the Thessaloniki court that his client was deceased, and asked to have the trial deferred until he could deliver a death certificate. But the court refused, and on Tuesday convicted his client in absentia. Thessaloniki police records show the 46-year-old unemployed father of three died on April 8, but Bakelas wasn't informed until the eve of the trial. The man was charged last year after activists reconnected his power supply that had been cut by the electricity company for unpaid bills. Bakelas said

he was astonished by the court's decision and hadn't experienced anything like it in his 25 years as a lawyer.

Bad vibrations: Buzzing inside mailbox shutters town square

BELLEFONTE, Pa. (AP)— Police were picking up some bad vibrations from a buzzing mailbox in a Pennsylvania town, enough to prompt them to shut down the town square for a couple of hours. Bellefonte police Chief Shawn Weaver says the "vibrating noise, like an alarm going off" was reported at about 10 a.m. Tuesday. Because police couldn't be sure what was causing it, Penn State bomb experts and state police were called in, and a section of downtown was cordoned off until about 12:30 p.m. It turns out someone had dropped a medical alert pager into the mailbox. Police don't vet know whether the device was dropped accidentally or put there by a prankster.

Police tranquilize, collar coyote in Queens

NEW YORK (AP)—A second coyote has been captured in New York—this time in Queens. Police say they tranquilized the animal and captured it just before 8 p.m. Tuesday. The NYPD says it's likely the same one that got away after being spotted hiding near a house Monday. It's being cared for at the Center for Animal Care and Control. The capture comes after authorities collared one near a sidewalk cafe in downtown Manhattan on Saturday morning. At least four other coyotes have been spotted in Manhattan this year.

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Downey Jr.'s Inarritu comments intended as 'complimentary'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Robert Downey Jr. intended to be complimentary with a statement about Mexican-born director Alejandro Inarritu that some have interpreted as racist, the actor's publicist said Wednesday.

Inarritu, while promoting "Birdman" in October, likened superhero movies to a "cultural genocide."

Downey Jr. said in a video interview last week that "for a man whose native tongue is Spanish, to be able to put together a phrase like 'cultural bright he is."

Various Twitter users accused Downey Jr. of being racist in his remarks. One woman wrote that she "loved" him until this and hashtagged the word "racist." Another user tweeted at the actor to "keep your racist opinions to yourself."

Downey Jr. also said that he respects "the heck" out of Inarritu in the interview with The Guardian. Later, he remarked,

genocide' just speaks to how too, that "a certain level of scrutiny is good," when making films that are so popular—especially among children—even if it's critical.

"You want to be responsible to the opportunity you've been given," he said.

The reporter also asked Downey Jr.'s "Avengers: Age of Ultron" co-stars similar questions about the glut of superhero movies on the market, though none of their responses were as inflammatory.

"Taken in the proper context of the interview, it is intended to be, and is, complimentary," said Downey Jr.'s publicist Alan Nierob.

Inarritu's "Birdman," which won Oscars for best picture and best director, takes a darkly satirical look at blockbuster culture in its examination of a past-his-prime actor grasping for artistic authenticity. His film is centered on an actor (Michael

Keaton) who cannot shake the voice of his superhero character, and pokes fun at many real-life actors who have participated in the genre, including Downey Jr.

In an interview with trade publication Deadline in October, Inarritu said that although he "sometimes" enjoys superhero movies, he takes issue when they try to be too profound.

"They have been poison, this cultural genocide, because the audience is so overexposed to

plot and explosions and (expletive) that doesn't mean nothing about the experience of being human," Inarritu said.

A representative for Inarritu did not immediately respond to request for comment.

The social media response echoed the backlash against Sean Penn months ago when the actor presented Inarritu with his best picture Oscar by saying, "who gave this son of a bitch his green card?"

Padma Lakshmi wants you to go veg for a few meals a month

Hulu will exclusively host 'Seinfeld'episodes on demand

NEW YORK (AP)—Hulu is giving its viewers nothing to watch, in a big way.

The online network has landed exclusive subscription on-demand rights to "Seinfeld." All nine seasons of the hit sitcom said to be "about nothing" will be streaming on Hulu starting in June, the network announced Wednesday at a presentation for advertisers.

The episodes, currently airing on TV in a slightly trimmed form, will be restored to their original NBC running time for Hulu, said series star Jerry Seinfeld, on hand to deliver the news.

Seinfeld suggested that his show, produced from 1990-1998, wouldn't work in today's digital world. He wondered aloud what reason Kramer would ever have to bang on Jerry's apartment door, which was how so much of the comedy began.

MIAMI (AP)—It's easy to want to hate Padma Lakshmi. The "Top Chef" host and former model is so effortlessly beautiful it hurts. On top of that, she's not afraid of going up a few dress sizes while filming her Bravo television show. And she counts some of Hollywood's top celebrities as regular dinner

But her Instagram account, filled with pictures of herself laughing in a white T-shirt and chowing down on greasy barbecue and other taboo diet foods, reveals a woman who believes that life and food are all about balance. Because obsessing about your diet is so not sexy, she says.

party guests.

Her laid-back approach guides everything from entertaining (she likes to serve simple meals like spaghetti, salad and vanilla ice cream) to losing weight after giving birth (it took 13 months).

Lakshmi, 44, has had a few unexpected flops at dinner parties, but says she simply rolls with it. The ice cream maker stopped working at a party she was hosting for Vanity Fair magazine a few years ago, so she served the ice cream base as chocolate soup. "It was delicious," she said in a recent phone interview.

Through trial and tribulation,

she's accumulated some basic entertaining advice. For example, don't experiment with new recipes, she warns. People are coming over for the company, not the food.

For the guest list, try to strike a balance between people with matching and contrasting interests. And no matter who else you invite, director Joel Schumacher and actress Susan Sarandon "are always good for a hoot."

"They will liven up any dinner party. Joel is a fantastic storyteller, which is why he's such a great director." Lakshmi said. "But he's also a good talker and Susan is fun and irreverent and unpredictable and has a great wildness about her and a great sense of humor, so she's good at pulling other people out of their shell. And who doesn't want to have dinner with Susan Sarandon."

Though Lakshmi loves exploring exotic foods on her show and in her travels, she grew up a strict vegetarian in India and follows a mostly vegetarian diet when she's not filming.

"It's probably why I understand better that there are so many great plant-based sources out there, so you don't have to feel deprived," she said. "We

generation of how to eat well and how to eat a varied and abundant diet. I'm not espousing total vegetarianism or veganism. I personally and politically believe that a var-

most Americans.' At home, she still mostly cooks the Indian foods she grew up eating, which are heavy on

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beans, including lentils and beans of every color. And she and 5-year-old daughter Krishna eat lots of dairy products, including milk, cheese and homemade yogurt. In fact, the single mom recently partnered with MorningStar Farms to encourage others to go meatless a few meals a month for a Veg of Allegiance challenge.

"The best thing you can do

In this Dec. 7, 2014, file photo, TV personality Padma Lakshmi attends the world premiere of "Annie" at the Ziegfeld Theatre in

for your children is to cultivate an interest and appreciation in food, because a child who has a hand in making their own foods is more likely to eat that food because they have ownership of what they make."

Lakshmi also doesn't worry what her own inherent curiosity for food will do to her bombshell figure, admitting she typically goes up two dress sizes while filming.

"In Chicago, I went up three dress sizes. It was that damn deep dish pizza challenge that threw me off in the first episode," she said.

She follows a strict diet when not filming, but it takes her 12 weeks to lose what she gained in six weeks because she wants to do it the right way.

"If you were in my closet you would see things in a size 2 and you would see things in a size 12," she said.

It took her 13 months to lose her baby weight through a healthy diet and lots of boxing; she's addicted to the mental clarity and focus it brings.

have had a disconnect in our Speedy diagnosis is essential for treatment of Lyme disease

EAR ABBY: May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. I'm a longtime Canadian reader who has suffered from it for many years. More than 300,000 people are infected by this tick-borne illness every year, yet people know little about it.

If someone doesn't recognize the symptoms and seek treatment immediately. Lyme disease becomes chronic and debilitating. For many years it wasn't well understood, and many sufferers like me have gone from doctor to doctor with their long list of symptoms, becoming increasingly frightened and depressed.

Please suggest your readers learn about Lyme disease by visiting ILADS.org or canlyme.com. It isn't as rare as some people believe. It has been found everywhere on the planet except Antarctica.

LYN D. IN "ABBYLAND"

DEAR LYN: I'm glad to do that. Several years ago, my husband caught Lyme disease while sitting in a friend's living room in California.

Our friend's dog had been running loose through some marshland that afternoon, and several ticks it picked up bit my husband. When he noticed the bulls-eye inflammation, we called our doctor, who said to come in right away and have it checked. After taking one look, the doctor called in his partner—a doctor from Connecticut—to take a look. (Lyme

disease is named for a city in Connecticut.) They said the rash was "classic."

My husband was lucky for the quick and accurate diagnosis. Because it was caught early, strong antibiotics headed off any serious problems. But not everyone is so fortunate, and people with chronic Lyme disease have been known to suffer for life. A word to the wise: Be informed.

DEAR ABBY: My father always wanted a son, but he and Mom had only one child—me. Now that I am the mother of two boys, he has taken over their schedule and signs them up for activities they often are not interested in pursuing. This results in my spending my time away from work taking them to activities and sports they don't enjoy.

How can I respectfully tell Dad I don't want him doing this? He often calls my children and me lazy if we say we don't want to participate in the swimming, karate, soccer, baseball, gymnastics and other activities he constantly signs them up for. We just want some downtime once in a while. This has caused many angst-ridden arguments. Please help!

NOT INTERESTED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR NOT INTERESTED: Everyone enjoys downtime once in a while, but if your children are spending their days sitting around, your father may have a right

DEAR ABBY

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to be concerned. Daily physical exercise is important for good health.

Because none of the activities your father has chosen "for" your sons appeals to them, talk with them, suggest they choose a sport that DOES interest them and have them sign THEMSELVES up for it. Then inform your dad that you no longer want to hear critical comments about your boys because they are not constructive, and if it doesn't stop, he will be seeing less of all of you.

P.S. Because your dad signed his grandkids up for activities, I'm mystified that he wasn't more involved in providing their transportation.

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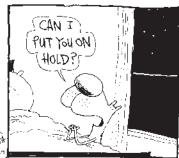






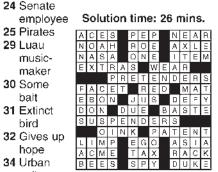






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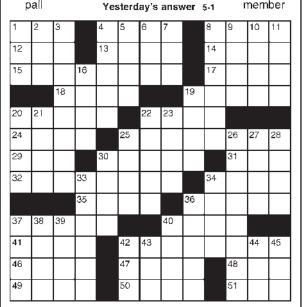
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Happy Birthday: Broaden your horizons. Look outside your area for opportunities. Expand your awareness, knowledge and experience. Learn from watching others and embrace opportunities to use your skills in new and exciting ways. Make positive personal alterations that will help you look and be your best and you will excel in all aspects of your life. Your numbers are 4, 19, 18, 24, 30, 39, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Check out the latest trends and job opportunities. Update your daily routine to include something that you find stimulating and progressive. A change in the way you approach your personal and professional dealings will bring good results. 🛇 🔾 🔾

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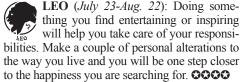
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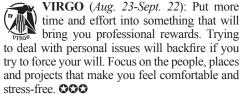
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Address problems and discuss solutions. Don't let anyone take advantage of you. Completing a project will give you a chance to do some physical exercise. Once your work is done, enjoy

a relaxing time with someone special. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Keep an open mind, but don't get dragged in to a situation that is based on assumptions or can cause problems for you with authority figures or institutions. An older relative will have something wise to offer. Romance is in the stars. �����

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will face discord if you make impulsive decisions or back out of a project or arrangement without giving ample notice. Problems at home should be discussed openly and honestly before you opt to take action. ②





LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emotions will escalate, leading to a situation that will need to be resolved. Find out where you stand and what's expected of you. Situations that offer you a greater opportunity to advance will help you bring about a worthwhile change. OOO

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put all your talents to good use and show people that you are capable of doing what you promise. Network and share your thoughts, but don't exaggerate or make impossible promises. A physical presentation will get you further than a

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't sit idly by when you can bring about positive changes to your life. Sign contracts, negotiate deals and express your plans with someone you want to partner with. Love and romance will lead to a happier home life. ����

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Address domestic problems and take action in order to bring about changes that will

goals. Say little; do a lot. 😂 AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make financial changes that will help you gain through investments, adding new skills to your resume or partnering with someone who has contributions to make. Romance will improve your connection to someone who is special to you. 🛇 🗘 🗘 🗘

secure your personal lifestyle. Don't let some-

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Imple-

work will pay off. **QQQ**

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Crew Member (2)

Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week Operations Manager In Charge (MIC)

<u>Summary of Responsibilities</u> Performs a variety of duties that may include the duties of a Telephone Person, Cashier, Register Person, Cut & Pack Cook, Maketable Pizza Preparer, Receiving & Stocking and Lot Person.

TELEPHONE PERSON

- Answer telephone quickly within Pizza Hut guidelines.
 Clearly communicate to customers all specials and

- promotions.

 Accurately record customer orders on to POS system.

 Communicate to make table personnel any special requests.

 Keep counter and work area clean and organized at all times.

CASHIER

- Essential Functions
 Ensures an accurate accounting of all transactions,
- collections and disbursements during work shift.

 Receives cash drawer at beginning of work shift and verifies
- the accuracy by counting money in cash drawer.

 Obtains and reviews information regarding price changes or
- Greet guests as they enter the dining area or carryout area.
 May take guests' food and beverage orders and give orders to kitchen staff.
- to kitchen staff.

 *Hemizes and totals guests' food and beverage purchases or
 may collect food and beverage checks from guests and ring
 them to the register.

 *Collects cach, checks, or charge payments from guests.

 *Makes change for cash transactions, verifies identification for
 bedden and represendations uncharge for gradients.
- checks and prepares charge voucher for credit card
- Counts money, checks, and charge payments in cash drawer
- May reconcile checks, cash receipts and charge sales with total sales to verify accuracy of transactions.
- Stocks counters, display refrigerators, salad bar, and steam table neatly, accurately and in a timely fashion as per menu.
- Checks to ensure that all display foods are presented attractively as per standards.

 Displays food under appropriate hot or cold conditions as per
- standards.
 Keeps display equipment clean and free of debris during meal
- service, as assigned.

 Cleans workstation thoroughly before leaving area
- assignment.
 Relays relevant comments received from customers directly

REGISTER PERSON

- · Responsible for providing quick and efficient service to Greets customers and takes their food and beverage orders.
- Greets customers and takes their food and beverage orders.
 Accurately records customer's orders on to POS system and computes the amount of the bill.
 Serves drinks from dispensing machines or makes and serves hot drinks from water heater or coffee maker.
 Picks up food items from serving bar or storage area.
 Places items on tray or in take-out containers.
 Checks orders to pensure that quest is receiving a complete.

- · Checks orders to ensure that guest is receiving a complete
- and correct order. Informs kitchen staff of shortages or special requests.
- Collects payment from guest and makes change. Helps with preparation of food in kitchen.
- Helps with getting back up food on line
- Washes dishes. Informs manager of stock levels

- Informs manager of stock levels.
 Restocks drink station/supplies, paper.
 Checks supplies in counter area napkins, crushed peppers and cheese, and restocks items to ensure a sufficient supply throughout shift.
 Wipes off front counter with cleaning solution and clean cloth. Keeps counter and floor clean at all times.
 Cleans and restocks dining room.
 Takes trash out to dumoster.
- Takes trash out to dumpster Performs long-term maintenance on sidewalks, walls, and
- Sweeps and keeps exterior lot clean at all times throughout
- the shift. CLIT & PACK COOK

- Essential Functions

 Checks workstations for presence of small equipment, assembly materials, paper goods and condiments.

 Responsible for product assembly, checks appearance and calls out preparation times for all orders.

 Monitors oven setting according to Pizza Hut standards.

 Checks all finished products to ensure compliance with Pizza Hut standards.
- Communicates with make-table personnel, front line personnel and MIC for quality controls and feedback.

MAKE-TABLE PIZZA PREPARER

Responsible and required to prepare and assemble all

products according to customer's order and according to

- products according to customer's order and according to Pizza Hut portioning specifications.

 Sets up the make-table by checking the worktable, counter, dough cabinets, and line refrigeration to ensure they are properly stocked prior to the meal production period.

 Checks all workstations (make-table, pasta) for presence of appropriate gmall equipment, assembly materials and of appropriate small equipment, assembly materials, and
- Monitors all food production areas for safety and sanitation practices and procedures. Checks for cleanliness and orderliness and provides direction/takes action as necessary. Sets up production cycles, ensure proper inventory levels
- Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week are available, and calls to back up or replenish items as necessary.

 Reads order on video or printer as they appear. Calls out and
- Reads order on video or printer as they appear. Calls out and coordinates specials/missing items to ensure quick service.
 Tracks preparation times on all orders (TITO), checks weight and appearance and passes item into oven.
 Periodically monitors need of food and materials supplies, takes action as necessary.
 Communicates clearly and effectively to food production preparable respines information and feedback from them on
- personnel, receives information and feedback from them on their needs, and takes action based on observation and
- Cleans and sanitizes workstations on an ongoing basis during meal preparation periods and at the end of the
- Monitors work of kitchen staff in the completion of their

- Greets the guests as they enter the dining area.
 Clearly communicate to customers all specials and
- promotions.
 Take guests' food and beverage orders and give orders to

- Clears table when guests leave. Wipes tables with cleaning solution and a clean cloth.
- Performs secondary duties such as phone order taking product preparation and restaurant maintenance. Keeps dining area clean and organized at all times
- Relays relevant comments received from customers directly

RECEIVING & STOCKING

- essential Functions

 Responsible for the receipt and storage of all food, supplies
 and materials received in the restaurant using proper
 EXPERT, FIFO and Pizza Hut procedures.

 Receives all flood, supplies, and materials.

 Checks all incoming items for count, quality and specification.

 Exerce that them are received and dended at the proposers.
- Ensures that items are received and stored at the proper Maintains the completion and compliance of all delivery and
- inventory records as defined by proper Pizza Hut procedures. Keeps all storage areas and inventory in a neat and orderly
- Maintains the quality of the restaurant products by ensuring that all inventory are dated properly before storing to effect proper FIFO usage.

 Maintains the safety of the restaurant by ensuring that all storage areas are free of hazardous conditions.

- ssential Functions
 Receives assignment from Manager In Charge at the start of
- Maintains cleanliness and sanitation of dining room including all tables, chairs, support bars, floors, windows, and trash receptacles.
- · Cleans and restocks drink station with ice and lids as Cleans and restocks restroom facilities with soan toilet tissue
- and paper towels. Empties trash containers, cleans walls, doors, basin, mirrors, floors and toilets. Maintains exterior cleanliness from litter and debris. Checks lighting, windows, landscape, parking lot, sidewalks, trash
- Oran and signage.
 Communicates with manager in charge to maintain cleanliness efficiency and ensures guest satisfaction. This includes assisting guests with trays and opening doors. Follows priority sequence on lot checks, should take care of
- any eye soars first, such as spilled drinks, over flowing trash Return trays to designated area to be cleaned.

Other Functions Performs other duties as assigned.

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills
Able to understand and implement written and verbal
instructions. Communicates clearly, courteously and efficiently
with customers in English. Must possess basic math skills.

Required Experience Food service and food production experience preferred. Cash

handling experience preferred. Education/Experience High school diploma required

Part Time, Non-Exempt, less than 32 hours Manager In Charge (MIC) / Dispatcher Reports To:

<u>Summary of Responsibilities</u>
Delivers customer's order in a timely and safe manner within accordance of Pizza Hut guidelines and compliance with State and Federal traffic laws.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position
requires well-paced mobility for minimum periods minimum of
four hours. Requires standing and walking for the entire
workday. Must be able to bend and stoop occasionally. Must
be able to occasionally lift 25 lbs.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions

Delivery Driver (3)

- **Essential Functions** Drives competently and complies with all traffic laws. . Delivers products in a timely manner with accuracy and
- Collects checks, cash or credit card slips to properly tender order.
- Performs secondary duties such as washing dishes, cleaning, prep and cooking duties.

· Keeps car and work area clean and organized throughout shift

Other Functions Performs other duties as assigned. Education/Experience

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills Must be at least 18 years of age. Must possess a valid CNMI driver's license with a minimum of 2 years driving experience. Must have an acceptable driving record. Mus provide own insured vehicle for deliveries. Able to read and follow road maps. Must be able to speak, read, write and understand English. Must be able to communicate clearly

courteously and efficiently with customers.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position
requires well-paced mobility for a minimum of four hours.
Requires driving, standing and walking for most of the
workday. Must be able to lift 25 lbs. occasionally.

Working Conditions
Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

Dough Scaler & Mixer (3)

Classification: Full-Time, Non-Exempt, 32-40 hours per week Operations Manager In Charge (MIC)

Reports to: <u>Summary of Responsibilities</u>
Prepares the pizza dough every morning to use throughout the

- Essential Functions

 Responsible fo dough preparedness as prescribed from
- manager In Charge · Complies with all portioning, quality standards, rules,
- policies, and safety procedures Selects and transports raw items to work are and back Stores finished products in proper places
- Selects proper equipment and utensils to prepare as procedure require - dough mixer, whips, pitcher, proofer bun-o-matic, retarder and dough roller

Other Functions Performs other duties as assigned

Abilities, Knowledge, and Skills Must be able to work the opening shift. Able to understand and implement written and verbal instructions. Must possess

Required Experience

Previous bakery experience required. Education/Experience

basic math skills.

Physical and/or Medical Requirements
Must obtain a Tuberculosis Clearance Certificate. Position
requires well-paced mobility for minimum periods minimum of
four hours. Requires standing and walking for the entire
workday. Must be able to bend and stoop occasionally. Must
be able to occasionally lift. 40 lbs. Must have sensory
capabilities to select quality of sauce. Must have finger
dexterity to use some utensit hools.

Working Conditions

dexterity to use some utensil tools.

Minimal hazards. General restaurant working conditions.

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Grizzlies advance, beating Trail Blazers in Game 5

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—The Memphis Grizzlies missed one chance to finish off their first-round series and get some muchneeded rest before facing the Golden State Warriors.

They didn't waste a second, especially on their own court.

Marc Gasol had 26 points and 14 rebounds as the Grizzlies advanced to the Western Conference semifinals by beating the Portland Trail Blazers 99-93 on Wednesday night, closing out the series 4-1.

"It feels great," Gasol said. "It feels great to have a little time off to do some things around the house. I'm going to have a little time to be with my little girl. It's actually great to be home."

In the West semifinals for the third time in five years, the Grizzlies will play Game 1 on Sunday at top-seeded Golden State. Vince Carter said older players like himself appreciate the rest more than anybody.

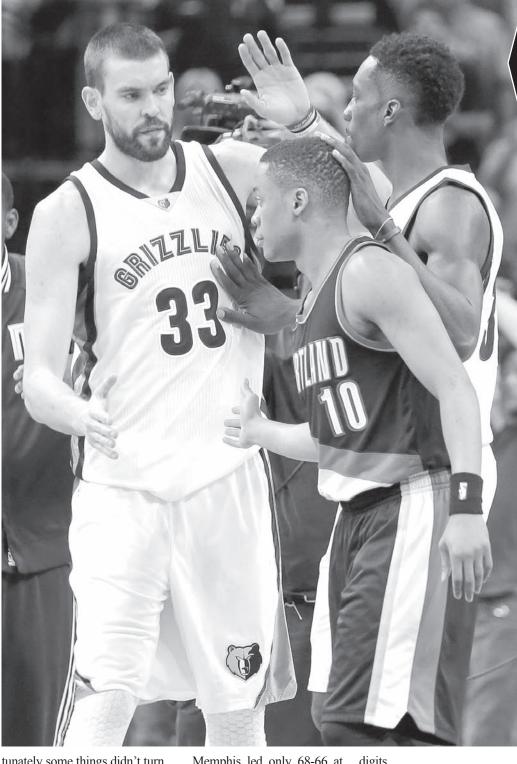
"We wanted to go get the job done now, get some days of rest to get ready for the next tough series," Carter said. "This is just a warmup for the next one, and the next one and the next one."

Memphis closed it out despite not having point guard Mike Conley for a second straight game as he recovers from surgery to repair broken bones near his left eye.

Courtney Lee scored 20 points for Memphis, Zach Randolph had 16 and Jeff Green added 10 off the bench.

CJ McCollum led Portland with a career-high 33 points. Damian Lillard had 22 points, and LaMarcus Aldridge had 14 before fouling out late as they combined to shoot 13 of 37. The Trail Blazers lost in the first round for the seventh time in their last eight postseasons after reaching the West semifinals last year.

"The season was going to be a very special season," Portland coach Terry Stotts said. "Unfor-



tunately some things didn't turn out the way we wanted to."

The Grizzlies finished off the game hitting 10 of 14 free throws in the final 64 seconds.

"The guys were running on fumes," Memphis coach Dave Joerger said of the fourth quarter. "I played guys a lot of min-

Memphis led only 68-66 at the end of the third, and Portland had the seventh and last tie at 72 before Vince Carter put the Grizzlies ahead to stay with a fadeaway jumper. Aldridge got the Trail Blazers within 76-75 with a three-point play before Memphis went on a 9-0 run, pushing its lead back to double

'We're one of the top offensive teams in the league, and we never felt that rhythm," Aldridge said. "That's disappointing for us. We know that this team is a lot better than what we played. I'm mad about going home so early. I'm disappointed in not getting to the second

Kevin Love has shoulder surgery, sidelined 4-to-6 months

CLEVELAND (AP)—Kevin Love had surgery on his badly damaged left shoulder that could require six months of recovery, officially ending any remote chance he had of returning during Cleveland's playoff run.

Love, whose arm was yanked from the socket on Sunday by Boston's Kelly Olynyk during Game 4, had the operation at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York on Wednesday. The team released a brief statement saying the forward had the procedure and that his projected recovery time is 4-to-6 months.

On Tuesday, Cavs general manager David Griffin said it was "highly unlikely" Love would return during the postseason. That distant possibility was erased by the surgery to a shoulder Griffin said sustained

"extensive" damage. Love had land's championship hopes.

Love was battling for a loose ball when his arm got tangled with Olynyk midway through the first quarter of Cleveland's series-sweeping win over the Celtics. Olynyk pulled on Love's arm, causing the dislocation. Following the game, Love called the play "bush league" and said he was convinced Olynyk tried to hurt him intentionally.

Olynyk did not get called for a foul on the play, but the next day the NBA suspended him one game for his actions.

Love finally made it to the playoffs in his first season with Cleveland, which acquired him last summer in a trade from Minnesota. The seven-year veteran

struggled at times during a bumpy ligaments in his shoulder torn year with the Cavs, who will face on a play that has shaken Cleve- either Chicago or Milwaukee in the Eastern Conference semifinals starting next week.

But Love had become more of an offensive weapon in recent weeks, and now the Cavs have to chase a title without him.

Love can opt out of his contract this summer and become a free agent, but the 26-year-old has insisted he is happy with the

With Love, LeBron James and Kyrie Irving, the Cavs have a core trio of stars who can keep them among the league's elite for years—as long as they can keep them together.

James said Tuesday that he didn't know what Love's plans are going forward, and now was not the time to consider anyone's future.

"I don't think he's thought about the offseason or what he wants to do," James said. "I haven't had that conversation with him and I shouldn't have to have that conversation with him, especially right now when we're going through this challenge and this battle of trying to win a championship."

It will be tough for the Cavs to replace Love's points, rebounding and his ability to space the floor during the rest of this postseason. Love can shoot from the outside—he made six 3-pointers in Game 3 against Boston-and Cavs coach David Blatt may try to offset his loss by using a smaller lineup and giving more playing time to Mike Miller and James Jones, two proven deep shooters.

Memphis Grizzlies center Marc Gasol (33), of Spain, celebrates with Jeff Green, right, and slaps hands with Portland Trail Blazers guard Tim Frazier (10) after the Grizzlies won Game 5 of an NBA basketball Western Conference playoff series Wednesday, April 29, 2015, in Memphis, Tenn.

round."

The Grizzlies hit seven of their first nine shots in taking a 12-point lead in the opening minutes. Memphis then missed 13 of its first 17 shots in the second quarter but took a 46-39 lead into halftime.

The Blazers erased Memphis' 13-point lead in the third with a 22-6 run. McCollum's fourth 3 in the quarter gave Portland a 61-58 lead, though Memphis led 68-66 at the end of the third.

Hawks 107, Nets 97

In Atlanta, Al Horford banged his dislocated finger and spent much of the game fiddling with it. Jeff Teague twisted his right ankle and hobbled to the locker room for a quick tape job.

By the end of the night, they were both feeling just fine.

Horford and Teague scored 20 points apiece, helping the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks hold off the Brooklyn Nets 107-97 Wednesday night in an NBA playoff series that's closer than anyone envisioned.

Down by 17 at the end of the first quarter, Brooklyn might have returned home with an improbable lead if not for Horford and Teague.

With two fingers on his shooting hand taped together, Horford flew around the court in the fourth quarter, crashing the boards, knocking down jumpers and exhorting his teammates to hold off the eighth-seeded Nets.

In the final minutes, Teague darted into the lane on his taped ankle for a pair of baskets that sealed another hard-fought victory. He let out a rare burst of emotion, screaming and waving his arms to pump up the home crowd, which included prospective new owner Antony Ressler and his wife, actress Jami Gertz.

"It's the playoffs," said De-Marre Carroll, who led the Hawks with 24 points but also had his right hand wrapped up after taking a hard fall. "You don't have injuries in the play-

Atlanta leads 3-2 in the bestof-seven series, with Game 6 Friday night in Brooklyn. If needed, Game 7 would be back at Philips Arena on Sunday.

"The playoffs are a new season," said Horford, who dislocated his right pinky in Game 1 but has played through the pain. "You never underestimate any team."

Alan Anderson led the Nets with 23 points off the bench. Jarrett Jack added 18 as the Brooklyn backups totally dominated Atlanta's reserves, forcing the Hawks to rely almost entirely on their starters. Carroll played more than 42 minutes. Kyle Korver and Paul Millsap also went more than 40 minutes.

"This was a game we really wanted to get," said Korver, who made five 3-pointers and finished with 17 points.

Horford appeared to bang his finger in the first half, clearly causing him plenty of discomfort. He had it sprayed at one point and was constantly tinkering with the tape job. But he still managed to make 10 of 17 shots and grab 15 rebounds.

Teague, meanwhile, landed on Brook Lopez's foot early in the third quarter and hobbled straight to the locker room. He was back in the game less than 3 minutes later.

The Nets have been competitive in all three games in Atlanta, losing by a combined 22 points. This was actually the first game in the series decided by a double-digit margin, and that was only because the Hawks hit four straight free throws in the final 30 seconds.

"They knocked us back in the beginning," Nets coach Lionel Hollins said. "But we fought back."

Jack hit back-to-back 3-pointers and drove for a floater in the lane that closed the gap to 90-89. That was as close as Brooklyn got, though Joe Johnson hit two more 3s to pull the Nets to 97-95 - their last gasp, it turned

"We responded," Jack said. "Maybe a little too late."

Rockets fire its social media manager after distasteful tweet

HOUSTON (AP)—The Houston Rockets have fired their social media manager after he posted a tweet with an emoji of a gun pointed at a horse's head as they were beating the Dallas Mavericks.

The Rockets confirmed the dismissal of Chad Shanks on Wednesday. Shanks wrote on his personal Twitter page that he would no longer run the Rockets' Twitter account but was grateful to the organization.

The tweet, posted just before the Rockets finished a 103-94 victory to win the first-round playoff series, read: "Shhhhh. Just close your eyes. It will all be over soon." It was quickly criticized on social media and soon deleted.

The Mavericks responded with a tweet from their official account to the Rockets, reading: "Not very classy but we still wish you guys the best of luck in the next round.'

Orioles top White Sox 8-2 at empty Camden Yards



be the first major league game played without fans in attendance, Chris Davis hit a threerun homer in a six-run first inning Wednesday and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Chicago White Sox 8-2.

The gates at Camden Yards were locked because of concern for fan safety following recent rioting in Baltimore after a 25-yearold black man died in police custody. The unusual decision to play the game was made because it was the best time to fill out the schedule for both teams.

Both teams lined up for the national anthem, music was piped in between innings and the seventh inning streak was noted with the traditional John Denver song.

In a crisp 2 hours, 3 minutes, Baltimore won its third straight since snapping a five-game losing streak.

Ubaldo Jimenez (2-1) continued his rebound from last season's struggles, allowing two runs—one earned—on three hits with six strikeouts and just one walk over seven innings for the Orioles. Manny Machado hit his fourth home run among his three hits and Caleb Joseph had two RBIs.

Rays 3, Yankees 2, 13 innings

In New York, James Loney hit

BALTIMORE a go-ahead infield single in the inside-the-park, two-run drive Cardinals 5, Phillies 2 13th inning, and Tampa Bay avoided a three-game sweep.

New York's Alex Rodriguez remained one home run shy of tying Willie Mays for fourth place at 660. A-Rod went 0 for 6 with four strikeouts and hit into a game-ending double play. He is 5 for 36 (.139) since April 17, when he homered twice at Tampa Bay. It was just his fifth four-strikeout game, first since 2008.

Astros 7, Padres 2

In San Diego, Dallas Keuchel held San Diego to three hits in eight innings and Colby Rasmus hit a two-run homer to power Houston to its sixth straight win.

The AL West-leading Astros swept the Padres for the first time since May 8-10, 2009. First-year manager A.J. Hinch had worked in San Diego's front office from September 2010 until just after A.J. Preller was hired as general manager in early August.

Houston outscored San Diego 30-9 and outhit the Padres

Tigers 10, Twins 7

In Minneapolis, Miguel Cabrera hit two of Detroit's four home runs during a powerful rally that led Detroit past Minnesota.

Rookie James McCann's first career homer came on an leaders.

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that tied it in the sixth inning for the Tigers, who trailed Phil Hughes and the Twins 7-3 after a seven-run burst against Shane Greene over the fourth and the fifth.

Brewers 8, Reds 3

In Cincinnati. Rvan Braun hit his fourth career grand slam and a solo homer to help Milwaukee past Cincinnati.

The Brewers ended a sevengame losing streak on the road and improved to 5-17 overall, the worst start by a National League team since the 1997 Cubs went 4-18.

All but one of the 11 combined runs came off homers. The NL Central rivals combined for 12 homers in the final two games, 10 of them solos.

Marlins 7, Mets 3

In Miami, Giancarlo Stanton homered and drove in three runs, Ichiro Suzuki added a three-run homer in the eighth to blow the game open.

Dee Gordon had two hits and his sacrifice fly in the seventh put the Marlins ahead for good, adding to a night where he raised his average to .409. Ichiro's first home run since July 25 — his second in his last 487 at-bats — capped the scoring as Miami took two out of three from the NL East

In St. Louis, Peter Bourjos hit a game-tying RBI triple, then scored the go-ahead run by beating the throw home on an infield tapper to fuel a four-run fifth inning.

Carlos Martinez (3-0) allowed two runs in six innings and Matt Adams doubled twice with an RBI.

Ryan Howard hit his 20th career homer against St. Louis, 11 coming in his hometown, and Odubel Herrera had two hits and an RBI. Aaron Harang (2-2) surrendered five runs in six innings, ending a career-best run of eight consecutive quality starts dating to last September.

Dodgers 7, Giants 3

In Los Angeles, Joc Pederson, Adrian Gonzalez and Andre Ethier homered off Ryan Vogelsong in the first inning and Jimmy Rollins hit another one off him in the third, powering the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Zack Greinke (4-0) allowed three runs and seven hits with six strikeouts. The 2009 AL Cy Young Award winner is 22-1 with a 1.95 ERA in 32 career starts against NL West teams since signing a sixyear, \$147 million contract with the Dodgers in December 2012. Greinke is 6-0 with a 2.28 ERA in eight starts against the Giants.

Mariners 5, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Logan Morrison had a tiebreaking, two-run double to back Felix Hernandez and lead the Seattle Mariners

With the score tied 2-2 and the bases loaded in the fifth inning, Morrison hit a ground ball past first base against Texas starter Wandy Rodriguez (0-1). Morrison finished 4 for 5, including two hits against Rodriguez to improve to 7 for 14 in his career against the left-hander.

Pirates 8, Cubs 1

In Chicago, Gerrit Cole allowed three hits over six innings, Andrew McCutchen had a two-run triple and the Pittsburgh Pirates salvaged the finale of the three-game series and snapped the Chicago Cubs' four-game winning streak.

McCutchen, who went 2 for 5, recorded the 1,00th hit of his career with an eighth-inning single.

Starling Marte and Jung Ho Kang had two RBIs each for the Pirates, with Jordy Mercer driving in a run.

Indians 7, Royals 5

In Cleveland, Jason Kipnis homered and drove in four runs to help the Cleveland Indians snap a four-game losing streak.

Kipnis hit a three-run home run—his first since July 31 of last season—in the third and

then capped another three-run rally in the sixth with an RBI grounder. Michael Bourn's double gave Cleveland the lead.

Red Sox 4, Blue Jays 1

In Boston, Hanley Ramirez hit a two-run homer and Rick Porcello held Toronto to one run over seven innings.

David Ortiz and Mookie Betts had RBI singles for the Red Sox, who took the three-game series after losing their previous two.

Athletics 6, Angels 3

In Oakland, Calif., Mike Trout homered and drove in three runs, Johnny Giavotella hit a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning and the Los Angeles Angels held on.

Trout hit his fifth home run with two outs in the third then doubled in two with the bases loaded in the seventh to help the Angels pull away and end a two-game losing skid.

Nationals 13, Braves 4

In Atlanta, Jordan Zimmermann won for the first time in four starts and hit a three-run single to help the Washington Nationals beat the Atlanta Braves.

Denard Span, who had five hits the previous night, added a three-run homer in the ninth. The Nationals banged out 15 hits again, giving them 30 hits and 26 runs scored over the last two games.



Auto Motion nips LBT in OT

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Auto Motion snapped LBT Appraisal's winning streak after eking out a 107-105 overtime win in their Masters division game last Wednesday in the 2015 United Filipino Organization Basketball League at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Auto Motion knocked in crucial free throws in the closing minute of the extra pe-

riod and made some defensive stops to bag its second straight victory in three matches. LBT absorbed its first loss in four games.

LBT had the lead for the last time at 104-103 before Auto Motion grabbed the upper hand off Fradel Sedillo's two free throws 105-104, 37.7 seconds left in overtime. Sedillo trooped to the foul line and made both free charities after he pressured George De Guzman at the backcourt, stole the lulu. Mico Usi also stepped

possession, and drew a foul on the LBT center.

Auto Motion continued playing tough defense off another LBT inbound play, resulting to a bad pass from Bobby Vargas to Rodney Catalla. Vargas was worried of getting caught with an 8-second violation at the backcourt and pitched the leather to Catalla, who had his back turned to the ball and was hounded by Joseph Gain the play and picked up the loose ball, forcing Catalla to give up a preemptive foul with only 26.7 seconds remaining in the match. Usi split his charity to make it a 2-point game, 106-104.

quickly by not calling a timeout and with buzzer sounded. Edgar Pangelinan driving to the center before stopping and pulling up for a runner. He missed, but LBT got a

lucky break as Marlon Sison failed to hang on to the ball in the paint off the rebound play.

LBT regained possession with 9.2 seconds and after it called a timeout, Alex Ocampo went on a foul-baiting move and Usi bit on the bait. Ocampo hit the first charity, but muffed the equalizer, while Resty Joson collared the crucial rebound, boxing out

ion to Auto Motion with 3.7 seconds left in the extended

match. The score remained unchanged, as Pangelinan's inbound pass to Vargas was partially deflected by Ed Yalung. Vargas recovered the loose ball, but was still at the backcourt when the final

well against Jun Alipio.

Joson also had a split, drill-

ing his second free throw that

gave back the 2-point cush-

Sedillo top-scored for Auto Motion with his 22 points, while Galulu also finished in twin digits with his

17, including the game-tying free throw in regulation. Four other Auto Motion players broke into double figures with Usi adding 14, Yalung and Marlon Sison chipping in 13 apiece, and Robert Guiang posting 10.

Alipio had 21 points for LBT, which played in overtime with a depleted crew, as it had four players fouling out, while gunner Jun Tabora

showed up only in the first canto before leaving to play in another league.

Meanwhile, the U20 division match last Wednesday also went the distance with Blue Haus needing two overtimes to pull off a 100-97 victory over the Ol'Aces.

Blue Haus finished the round-robin division with an even 2-2 record, while the Ol'Aces fell to a 1-2 slate. The Ol'Aces will have their last game this Saturday against the second-running Armatech (2-1).

Auto Motion 107 - Sedillo 22, Galulu 17, Usi 14, Yalung 13, Sison 13, Guiang 10, Joson 6, Viola 4, Montes 4, Balgos 2, Mateo 2.

LBT Appraisal 105 - Alipio 21, Ocampo 17, De Guzman 17, Mungcal 15, Pangelinan 10, Vargas 10, Catalla 5, Sampang 5, Cosino 3, Tabora 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-23, 40-47, 64-70, 90-90, 107-



Auto Motion's Andy Viola, left, and Resty Joson stay close on defense against LBT Appraisal's Bobby Vargas during the overtime period in their Masters game in the UFO caging last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

JAKE'S

It was a sorry loss for SSFM, which entered the fourth quarter with a 65-58 advantage before Teregeyo rescued Island Manpower. He knocked in 18 of his 28 points in the payoff period, while Jerome Norita also helped out in the fourth, logging 4 of SSFM's last 6 markers. Norita finished in twin digits with his 18. Djay Ong led the Mike Espinosa-less SSFM, registering 27.

Meanwhile, Jake's Catering took control of its game against Eye Sees in the second half and hung in there to march into this Saturday's finale.

The match was still tied at the

mentum of the game to Jake's Catering as he drilled 9 of his 14 points in the second and nearly matched Eye Sees' total output.

Ron Gamboa picked up where Rivera left off, wrapping up the second canto with a triple and beginning the third with another trey, while adding 6 more points off layups to pad their lead to 15, 65-50, going into the final frame. In the fourth period, Jake's Catering ran down the clock to preserve the lead, while Eye Sees fired blanks to kiss its finals bid goodbye.

First Game

Island Manpower 82 -

end of the first quarter 22-all, Teregeyo 28, Norita 18, Lizawhen Jerald Rivera gave mo- ma 10, Palacios 10, Tabora 6, Rangamar 6, Tobias 2, Bar-

> SSFM 80 - Ong 27, Velasco 18, Rabasto 16, Bisana 16, Salazar 2.

> Scoring by quarters: 19-18. 39-38, 58-65, 82-80.

Second Game

Jake's Catering 75 - Gamboa 21, Rivera 14, Capalad 13, Rejano 8, Dayrit 6, Manalo 5, Montano 2.

Eve Sees 68 – Manzano 25, Directo 12, Muleta 10, David 8, Paulo 4, Espinosa 4, Orbeta 3, Damatan 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-22, 43-32, 65-50, 75-68.

Masters baseball meeting on May 5 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymna-

Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director Tony Rogolifoi is calling all interested players 40 years old and above to attend a meeting on Tuesday, May 5, at 5:30pm

sium pavilion inside the Oleai Sports Complex.

The meeting is for a Masters team that will be formed in time for the Guam Masters Baseball

Tournament on May 29. Fundraising activities will also be discussed in the meeting.

For more information, call Rogolifoi at 234 6672. (Jon Perez)

SUN PALACE

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With the surprise victory, World Resort jumped to fourth place as it now holds a 4-4-3 record. Kanoa joined Matansa and Sun Palace in the three-team fight for the Division 2 championship as it improved to a 6-1-4 record (19 points) following a 5-3 victory against the CNMI Women's National Team.

Owen Ji and Ho Jin Woo knocked in two goals each for Kanoa, while Davy Laxa added one. Diane Pablo also had two goals for the CNMI squad, which got an own goal in the second half off a miscue from Ji. Pablo and company have yet to win a single game this season and have two more opportunities to do so.

Meanwhile, in the lone Di-

vision 1 match last Sunday, Wild Bill's downed MP United, 3-1, to keep its championship hopes alive.

Wild Bill's now has a 7-0-2 record for second place behind idle and division leader Tan Holdings (8-0-1).

Tanapon Unsa posted two goals in Wild Bill's seventh win, hitting the go-ahead in the 42nd and the insurance goal late in the second half. Tanyakorn Konkoed recorded Wild Bill's first goal in the second minute, but MP United tied the match quickly off Zu Zheng's shot one minute later.

MP United is still in third place in the team standings with its 4-1-3 record.

DOVE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

In the 2015 Dove Women's Football League, Tan Holdings ended Shirley's winning streak with a 2-1 victory in their game last Saturday.

Britany Wally and Chloe Salvosa registered one goal apiece for Tan Holdings, while Jeraldine Castillo logged Shirley's only goal in the weekend match. Shirley's had its 11game winning run snapped, but remain on top of the team standings, while Tan Holdings also retained the second spot with its 8-3-1 record.

In the other women's match last Saturday, Matansa and Paire settled for a 1-1 draw.

Guinevere Borja and Bernadette Horey scored for Paire and Matansa, respectively, in the second half. With the draw, Matansa still has one win to show in 11 games and is in sixth place in the team standings with its three draws and seven losses, while Paire is at the cellar with its 1-1-8 slate.

are reserved for middle and high school students. Results were not yet available at press time.

Mack Guintu led the ACS boys' team after topping all three of his events, while Kristen Den, Hannah Wang, and Elizabeth Xu qualified in four of their events in the girls' side.

Guintu topped the qualifying heats in Under-12 boys' 60-meter and 100m runs with times of 9.09 and 15.53 seconds, respectively, and in long jump after clearing 3.5 meters.

Den failed to top her events but finished within the Top 4 in the U8 girls' 60m (11.18) and 100m (19.43) runs, long jump (2.58m), and softball throw (9.48).

Wang, Xu and Wendy Tang led a 1-2-3 finishes for ACS in the U12 girls' 100m run, long jump, and softball throw. Wang and Xu also had the best times in the 60m run.

Jia Hang Wu, Mike Hou, Jack Hue, Jiahao Yang, Tychichus Xu, Tony Xu, Jason Hwang, Jason Wang, Peter Shen, Victoria Ancheta, Silas Xu, and Steven Chen were the other ACS students who qualified.

Seung Jin Paik and Chris Kim led SCS' charge after both qualified in all of their three events—60m and 100m runs, and long jump—in the boys' U10 and U12 divisions.

qualifying in the boys' U10 60m (9.39) and 100m (16.15) runs, and long jump (3.61m).

Kai Kim, Jason Song, Mateo Guerrero, Chris Kim, Lola Guerrero, Michelle Ryu, Cloie, Seo, Hans Xu, Tyler Hunsberger, Sang Hyun Lee, Cloie Seo, Shea Stone, and Miku Torres will be joining Paik and Kim in the finals.

Anthony Gregoire, Erin Fink, Dylan Mister, Sydney Lim, Ravi Richards, Halle Steadman, Mylan Goodwin, and Taylor Steadman are the eight students from Whispering Palms.

Serin Chung, Ashley Dangol, Risa Sekiguchi, Savita Sikkel, Casey, Chambers, and Irin Regan are from Brilliant Star.

Saipan boxing fans pick Pacquiao over Mayweather

By SAIPAN TRIBUNE STAFF



Saipan is going Manny all the way as the Philippines' Pambansang Ka-

mao (National Fist) Manny "Pacman" Pacquiao seems to have the hearts and minds of the island's boxing aficionados in his fight against Floyd Mayweather Jr. this Sunday (Saturday in Las Vegas), based on a random interview by Saipan Tribune reporters.

While the streets in Manila and every conceivable city and town in the Philippines are expected to be deserted come fight time, Saipan's most eager boxing fans will be cramming venues on the island showing the Pacquiao-Mayweather fight via pay per view.

Below are the thoughts of 11 prognosticators Saipan Tribune interviewed for this Sunday's "Fight of the Century."



"While Mayweather may have a bit more height and weight advantage on Pacquiao, Manny has

the entire country behind him. I am sure there are lots of Mavweather fans out there, but I think Manny has the edge. Pacquiao will win by split decision."

Glenn Policare PIC SEA director



Pacman for sure... Mayweather can't run from this guy...Pac-Man is just too quick..

plus I want to see our 'kaibigan' win with a knockout."

Carl James Hocog DPS officer



needs to win with a KO. If it goes the distance 90 percent Mayweather will win

via decision. Pinoy pride all the

Francis Mendiola KES teacher



"Pac-Man... via unanimous decision. Ever since he beat the Golden Boy Oscar dela Hoya, I

have been following his fights." **Robin Sapong**

NMA secretary general



power in his punches.' **Noel Puno**

Association of Filipino Pastors on Saipan president



'Manny Pacquiao all the way. Cheering for our Kababayan!" Rep. Edwin **Propst**

Precinct I Representative



"Manny Pacquiao. Since he is relentless and it's hard to beat persistent athlete. His corner

Pacman try to find a solution in the hardest situations. He will break through the defense of Floyd Mayweather Jr."

> Norman Del Rosario IT&E art director



'Floyd Mayweather Jr., I mean statistically speaking, Manny has been dropped before, knocked

out, and he lost before but never once has I seen that from Mayweather. Manny has a strong foundation and fast hands with amazing technique but so does Mayweather. I'm rooting for Mayweather but on the other hand I believe Pacquiao has the experience and heart to win as well."

Ryan Babauta Wrestler



"I am rooting for Manny Pacquiao all the way! This is the pinnacle of the sport and their careers

talent-wise. None of them have faced fighters of each other's caliber and talent before. Mayweather has fought and beaten the best that boxing promoters have put in front of him. Same goes for Pacquiao, all the top fighters in the division. Now, finally, the two best fighters will face off and the people of the world will once and for all see who will be crowned the best pound-for-pound fighter on the planet. This is sort of like an unstoppable force, Pacquiao, going up against an invincible object in Mayweather. Although, Mayweather is undefeated, Pacquiao seems to be the only one left in the universe who will be able to render Mayweather human and beat him. When Pacquiao wins, I feel it will be by unanimous decision, then this will solidify his dominance in the sport as well as his place in boxing.

Cuki Alvarez

Trench Tech promoter



'My pick-Pacman. like rooting for the underdogs. Pacquiao's style is similar to our

gym. We will be in your face until someone gets knocked out. Mayweather was raised to fight. But Pacquiao was born to fight. And when you're born with power, you don't have to train for power."

Donney Feieran Team Zalaka MMA coach



" M a y weather will kiss the floor once, possibly on the ninth round, just enough for

Pacquiao to win via unanimous decision. Pacman's 10-combo will overwhelm Mayweather's vaunted shoulder roll defense. Pacman's right hook will be the key just like what he did to British boxer Ricky Hatton in the first round. Pacquiao's fighting style has similarity to Zab Judah, who is also a lefty. Although he did not win, Judah's right hook sent Mayweather to the canvas in the second round. Pacman's volume punches combined with excellent footwork and stamina will destroy Mayweather.

Ferdie de la Torre

3 teams shadow Thursday billiards leader

The Abyss Rack 'N' Roll, Wild Bill's, and Jokers Homeboyz have only five weeks left in their bid to dislodge leaders Route 33 Alamo Car Rental in the final in the Budweiser-Saipan Billiards Association Open 8-Ball Thursday League.

An 11-4 decision against the Abyss Titans (95-85) pushed Route 33's card to a 108-72 win-loss card followed by the Rack 'N' Roll, Wild Bill's, and the Homeboyz, which are tied from second to fourth spots with similar 100-80 slates.

The five matches on April 30 were still being played and results were not yet available at press time. The scores in Week 13 in the Tuesday League are also not yet available.

The Rack 'N' Roll pummeled Jonny's Team SCS (72-108), 13-2; the Homeboyz dumped the Hobbies Deadshot (87-93), 10-5; and Wild Bills tripped the Smoke Pub Magic 8-Ball (91-89), 9-6, to keep their respective title hopes alive.

The Jokers Wonderpool Aces (91-89), whose hopes of clinch-



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The Jokers Wonderpool Aces had an easy 10-5 win over the Barcode Breakers but remain tied with the Smoke Pub Magic 8-Ball from sixth to seventh places in the Thursday billiards league

fading, scored a 10-5 decision against the cellar-dwelling Barcode Breakers (56-124) in the other match.

In the Tuesday League, the Jokers IT&E Voyagers grabbed a slim 105-75 lead over the Smoke Pub Armatech

ing a Top 3 finish is slowly Hustlers after a 12-3 triumph over sister team STR8 Shooters (83-97).

> The Hustlers dropped to second with a 104-76 mark making the race for

the Tuesday League crown a two-cornered fight.

The Smoke Pub Ali'I De-

stroyer (90-90) and the Abyss Crazy 8 (88-92) are locked in a battle for a podium finish in the final seven weeks of the

The Crazy 8 stunned former leaders Hustlers, 8-7, while the Destroyer trounced the Abyss Homeboyz II (70-110), 11-4, in the other games. (Jon Perez)

HANMI Charity Golf on June 20

pated annual golf tournaments in the Northern Mariana Islands is set to tee-off on June 20, as the 14th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament prepares to offer golfers the chance to win enticing prizes while supporting a good cause.

This year's tournament will be held at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort east course and will be open to the first 144 paid registrants. Cash and numerous inkind prizes await the winners, and proceeds of the tournament will be contributed to community charities.

We encourage all golfers to mark their calendars for the

Classic Tournament on June 20," said Tournament Chairman Das Krishnan. "Last year we had a sell-out crowd, and we are aiming for the same this year."

Registration forms will be available shortly hotel association of the northern mariana islands on the HANMI

website at www.saipanhotels. org, and at Mariana Country Club, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort.

Early bird tournament fee is \$110 for payments received by 3pm, June 18. The fee includes green fee and the awards ban-

One of the most highly antici- 14th HANMI Charity Golf quet. The fee increases to \$130 after the early bird deadline. For an additional \$30, players may also compete for nearest to the pin, most accurate drive, and most accurate drive circle hole.

> The tournament will start at 7am. The tourna-

ment features two categories: Championship and Blackjack Double Peoria.

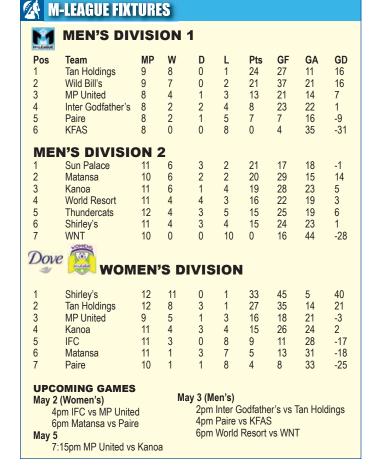
"Blackjack Double Peoria is an excellent format for helping to make the tournament more fair," said Krishnan. "With this format, everyone has a chance to win some of our great prizes."

First place winners of the Championship Flight will re-

ceive \$500, a trophy, and a hotel stay at one of the HANMI member hotels. Second place finishers will receive \$300 and one-night stay gift certificate from one HANMI's member hotels, and third place winners will receive \$200 and one-night stay gift certificate from one HANMI's member hotels.

In the Blackjack Double Peoria category, winners from 1st to 5th place will each receive \$500, winners from 6th to 10th place will each receive \$300, and winners from 11th to 15th place will each receive \$200. Category winners will also each receive a hotel room night stay.

Five consolations prizes of \$100 each and five consolation prizes of lunch gift certificates will also be awarded. (HANMI)



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Sun Palace grabs division lead



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un Palace moved from fifth to first place in the team standings in Division 2 of the M-League after winning back-to-back games last week at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Sun Palace worked out a 2-1 victory over the Thundercats last Sunday to improve to a 6-3-2 win-draw-loss record

(21 points). On April 22, Sun Palace also topped Kanoa, 3-1. With the twin wins, Sun Palace gained a slight edge

over erstwhile leader Matansa, which owns a 6-2-2 slate (20 points).

Feng Chun Jin delivered the winning goal in Sun Pal-

ace's sixth win after scoring in the 40th minute. Jun Sik Kim logged the other goal for Sun Palace with his shot in the 16th, while Don Cabrera nailed the equalizer for the Thundercats, who finished the double-round robin spring season with 4-3-5 record and are currently in

fifth place in the seven-team

field, heading into the last few games this week.

Matansa dropped to second place after falling to World Resort, 1-4.

> Daniel Agulto lifted World Resort to the upset win with his hattrick. Juanito Tiam-

zon scored the other goal for World Resort, while Kamrul Kamrul was the lone player to hit the board for Matansa.

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Jake's Catering vs Island Manpower in DLX finals

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Island Manpower and Jake's Catering set their finals date in the 2015 DLX Invitational Basketball League after beating separate opponents last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball

Court. Island Mannosed power

out SSFM/New Garapan Market in the curtain raiser, 82-80, while Jake's Catering outclassed Eye Sees in the nightcap, 75-68. Island Manpower and Jake's Catering hold similar 2-0 records in the semifinal round heading into today's last pair of playoff matches and are already assured of the final seats for tomorrow's championship game, as SSFM and Eye Sees fell to identical 0-2 marks. The Top 2 teams in the roundrobin semis get the finals tickets. Jake's Catering and Island

Manpower will close out the semis round in their finals preview tiff at 8pm, while SSFM and Eye Sees will try to save a win in a no-bearing game at 6:30pm.

Syl Teregeyo brought Island Manpower to the finals after making the game-winning basket in the closing seconds of their neck-and-neck game against SSFM. Credit half of the basket to Jun Tabora, who found and fed Teregeyo in the paint after a series of players movements in the shaded lane.

After Teregeyo's getaway, SSFM sued for time to map out either a game-tying basket or a winning shot in the last six seconds of the match. When the game resumed, SSFM quarterback Sean Rabasto opted for a 2-pointer, but his right baseline jumper rimmed out, eliminating his team in the finals race.

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Jake's Catering's White Capalad looks for a teammate to pass the ball to as he is cornered by Eye Sees' Jim Damatan, right, and Christopher Muleta, partly hidden, during the fourth quarter of their playoff game in the DLX caging last Wednesday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

ACS, SCS lead Day 1 of All-Schools qualifiers

By JON PEREZ

Agape Christian School and Saipan Community School had the most number of students

day of the 12th Annual Public School System/McDonald's All Schools Athletics Championship qualifiers alternately held

that earned spots after the first Hopwood Junior High School.

ACS had 17 students moving on to the finals, set from May 14 to 16 at the Oleai track facility, while SCS had 15. Whispering Palms School had eight and six



came from Brilliant Star Montessori School.

Only the Top 4 in each event will move

on to the finals. The Northern Marianas Athletics also held separate qualifying meets from April 21 to 23 in the elementary division, while April 27 and 28



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Kagman Elementary School students, clockwise, Keona San Nicolas, Helen Chen, Joina Gildilak, Hevani Rasiang, Maka Aldan, Sheena Rejano, and Nickson Keremen enjoy a light moment after competing in the 12th Annual McDonald's-Public School System All-Schools Championship last week at the Hopwood Junior High School. Not in photo is Ramona Cabrera.

